

HOUSE PASSES REPEAL BILL IN 9 MINUTES

Action Looking Toward Removal of the Breeders' Law from Missouri Statutes Taken by Vote of 113 to 7.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL WILL COME UP MONDAY

Representatives Vote to Offer \$1000 Reward for Arrest of Record Thief—Change in Sentiment Toward Gamblers.

FOLK ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Hon. Herbert S. Hadley, attorney-general, Jefferson City, Mo., has just received information from the original of House Bill No. 11, pending in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly, has been stolen and a "spurious" bill substituted therefor, you are hereby instructed to institute investigations in order to ascertain who the guilty person or persons are, to the end that just punishment may be meted out to him or them for this violation of law and flagrant outrage against the law-making body and dignity of the state.

You are authorized to co-operate with the prosecuting attorney of Cole County, and to do all things else necessary to accomplish the desired ends.

Spare neither time nor expense in ferreting this thing out, and do not let very efforts cease until the guilty party or parties are brought to the bar of justice.

If the contingent fund at your disposal is not sufficient to meet the expenses of your inquiry, advise me and I will recommend to the General Assembly the appropriation of such an amount as may be necessary. Very respectfully,
JOSEPH W. FOLK, Governor.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—In lightning time the House of Representatives today by a vote of 113 to 7, passed House Bill No. 10, which repeals absolutely the breeders' law, legalizing bookmaking and pool selling at the racetracks.

This action was followed immediately by the introduction of a new anti-gambling bill prepared under the direction of Attorney-General Hadley.

On motion of Representative Speer the new bill will take precedence over all other legislation and be placed on the records for final passage not later than Monday.

The new anti-gambling bill is entitled, "An act prohibiting bookmaking and pool selling and prescribing a penalty therefor." It provides that the General Assembly of the state of Missouri enact as follows:

Text of the Bill.

Section 1. That any person who keeps any room, shed, tenement, tent, booth or building, or any part thereof, within this state, and who compels the same with any book, instrument or device for the purpose of recording or registering bets or wagers or selling pools upon the result of any trial or contest of skill, speed or power of endurance of man or beast, which is to be made or to take place within or without this state, or any person who records or registers a bet or wager or sells pools upon the result of any trial or contest of skill, speed or power of endurance of man or beast, which is to be made or to take place within or without this state or being the owner, lessee, occupant or person in charge of any room, tenement, shed, tent, booth or building, or any part thereof, within this state, who knowingly permits the same to be used or occupied for any of the purposes herein set forth, or therein keeps, exhibits, uses or employs any device or apparatus for the purpose of recording or registering bets or wagers or selling pools, as herein above set forth, or becomes the custodian or depository for hire or privilege of any money for any purpose contrary to the provisions of this section, shall, on conviction, be adjudged guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than six years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not less than six months nor more than one year, or by fine of not less than \$500, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

House Bill No. 1 was introduced by Mr. Godfrey of St. Louis, who is also the author of Bill No. 1, which was stolen from the chief clerk's office.

The committee on criminal jurisprudence, in drafting a substitute bill, failed to consider the one repealing the breeders' law. It was essential, according to Attorney General Hadley, that this should have been done.

The committee reported Bill No. 10 unfavorably. Acting on the suggestion of the attorney-general, Representative Speer called up Bill No. 1 and asked unanimous consent to place it on the calendar. Not a dissenting voice was heard.

The repeal bill was then engrossed and placed on the calendar for final passage.

Men Who Voted "No."

Those who voted against the repeal bill today are Representatives Newton Conklin (Dem.), Carroll John M. Hennessey (Dem.), St. Louis; John M. O'Connell

SHOWERS, THEN FAIR AGAIN

Slightly Cooler Weather Predicted but Not to a Degree of Discomfort.



After a short period of showers, the fair weather will return, and with it will come some cooler weather; not a cold wave or a decided fall of temperature, just "cooler." The forecast: "Showers Friday afternoon; fair Friday night and Saturday; Saturday cooler; west to northwest winds; minimum temperature Friday night, about 28 degrees.

There was light precipitation from the states adjoining Missouri, and trailing off to the southwest, including Arizona, but aside from that the sky was clear.

There was no cold weather reported and no ground in the reports that a cold wave was entering the country.

FORCED HIS VISIT; COSTS HIM \$500

George Beckman Given Maximum Fine for Pushing Way Into Fenton's.

USED PISTOL ON HUSBAND

Judge Pollard Told Him His Action Was Bad as Intent to Murder.

"A man who will force himself into a home where there are children, even though his visits may be encouraged by the wife, is no better than a man who enters a home with the intention to commit murder—in fact, he is worse, and should receive the greatest penalty that can be imposed, and I will fine you \$500," declared Judge Jefferson Pollard of the Second District Police Court, Friday, in passing upon the charge of disturbing the peace, preferred against George Beckman of 300 Clinton street.

Beckman had gone to the home of John Fenton, 475 Cook avenue on the afternoon of Feb. 22. Fenton came to the door in answer to his knock and when he saw Beckman he told him he could not come in. Fenton alleged that Beckman then drew a revolver and was about to use it when Fenton struck him in the face.

A struggle followed in which Fenton was forced across the hall and into the front room, where he was struck on the head and several gashes cut, but he was not taken into the room by Beckman.

At the trial Mrs. Fenton took the part of Beckman more than she did that of her husband, from whom she had been separated for the last several months.

Judge Pollard imposed the highest fine that he could on the charge of disturbing the peace, but his attorney stated that he had no hopes for having the fine reduced.

GRAND JURY AFTER BRIBERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 24.—A special session of the grand jury today will be summoned by Judge Alford of the Criminal court to investigate the bribery charges made by Representative Ananias Baker against ex-Senator A. O. Baker of Marion in connection with the passage of the anti-cigarette law.

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Third Ballot Resulted in Unanimous Verdict of Acquittal, Two Being for Conviction on Preceding Votes, Say Members.

KRATZ UNDEMONSTRATIVE; HIS FAMILY IN TEARS.

Circuit Attorney Sager Disappointed—Says He Is at Loss to Explain Action—Kratz Declares He Is Vindicated.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

BUTLER, Mo., Feb. 24.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the bribery case against Charles Kratz. It was returned at 1:27 this morning.

The jury began its deliberations five minutes before midnight. It took three ballots. The last was unanimous for acquittal. Members of the jury say the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction on the first two ballots.

H. O. Maxey, Jr., foreman of the Kratz jury, said this morning: "The jury found Kratz not guilty because there was not sufficient evidence presented by the state to justify a conviction. The evidence the state presented was of the wrong class. There was particularly a lack of substantiation of the charge that Kratz had any connection with the hoodie fund, although it was clear to the jury that he had been deposited for hoodie purposes. Personally, I believe from the evidence and that is all I know about the matter, that there was a conspiracy between Stock and Brinkmeyer to make Kratz a scapegoat. We did not find for the defendant out of sympathy.

"My mind was made up on the evidence. The speeches did not affect my opinion, although both sides were ably presented. I do not believe the speeches affected the action of the jury at all.

Mr. Maxey is county superintendent of schools and his office is in the same court house where Kratz was tried.

John Dillon, a young farmer, said: "There was no evidence to show that Kratz was guilty. I don't know what could be proved against Kratz. I only know what was proven. That was not enough to satisfy me. Outside of the testimony of hoodlums and perjurers, the state presented nothing to show that Kratz was guilty. Why didn't they show the answers that Kratz didn't? And it seems to me that if Stock was so anxious to see Kratz he'd call on him and not write letters."

W. H. Browning, a retired farmer, said: "I was surprised at the evidence. What little I heard of the case before it came to trial I thought I might have to send Kratz to the penitentiary. But after the evidence was all in I came to think that there was a put-up job of bigger fellows to blame everything on Kratz. The evidence showed there was hoodlums, but it did not show that Kratz did it.

"I thought a good deal over the Stock letters introduced by the state, but the evidence to me didn't seem to show that Kratz was guilty. I was going to vote and give the defendant principally because we didn't place much credence in the testimony of state's witnesses and because of the good reputation given by the business men who testified in Kratz's behalf. Mr. Sager made a fine speech, but we found our verdict on the evidence."

William Rice, a farmer, said: "We found our verdict on the evidence. We didn't pay much attention to the speeches in forming our verdict. We didn't take much stock in the evidence of a lot of men like the state brought here. The defense had reputable business men to testify to Kratz's character."

Jurors John Dillon, Henry Eller, Wilbur Park, J. F. Williams, A. J. Bryant and P. K. Wilson agreed on a statement. They said a majority of the jury followed the theory advanced by Attorney Harvey Clark that there was a conspiracy against Kratz on the part of Stock, Brinkmeyer and others.

While the attorneys for the defense were naturally elated over the verdict, Circuit Attorney Sager was depressed and distressed. He said: "The verdict is a distinct disappointment to me. I worked hard to make this case against Kratz and I tried by every legitimate means in my power to discharge the obligation I owe the state in the premises. I thought we had made a good case.

Kratz betrayed as little emotion as any person in the courtroom when the verdict was announced. A faint light seemed to spread over his face, waxy-like features, but he did not grow into a full smile. He shook hands with each of the jurors and thanked them in a very low, weak voice. He had little to say, even to his friends, acting like a man in a sort of daze.

The Bates County Circuit courtroom was almost last night. The arguments continued without interruption from 8 o'clock until a few minutes before midnight. Women were in the audience and many babies. Almost all the auditors remained until Mr. Sager concluded and the jury retired.

Kratz Awaited Verdict.

Judge Denton announced he would remain a short time to await the pleasure of the jury. Circuit Attorney Sager and his family were waiting outside.

Tears Terminate Boys' Trial For Murder When Lawyers Ask About Missing Witnesses



JOHN MEIER.

Scene in Juvenile Court when John Meier, boy charged with murder, was arraigned. 1—John Meier. 2—J. H. Fahle, attorney. 3—Assistant Circuit Attorney Jones. 4—Judge Withrow. 5—Clerk of Court. 6—Stenographer. 7—Jury.

The boy sat near his attorney, J. H. Fahle, Charles N. Ring and H. J. Wulff. He was self-possessed and calm.

S. G. Jones, assistant prosecuting attorney, who represented the state, asked Judge Withrow for a continuance. He said Arthur Haley, a material witness for the state, and Samuel Freund, another witness, were absent.

"It is strange that these witnesses are not present," said Mr. Jones. "I understand that the Haley boy's mother says that he is in East St. Louis and—"

Before he could complete the sentence Attorney H. J. Fahle was on his feet.

He was excited. Tears dimmed his eyes as he spoke.

"I want to say that I have a wife and child," he declared, "and I would not do anything dishonorable. I am as anxious to have this trial go on as Mr. Jones."

"The defense has no reason to delay the case and I would not do anything to keep a witness away."

Mr. Fahle's emotion affected others interested in the case. John Meier began to cry. His mother and women in the witness seats, who had been summoned to testify to his good character, sobbed.

Fahle stood on his feet with the tears falling from his cheeks, almost too excited to speak.

HOTEL THIEF LEAVES TRAIL IN HIS ROOMS ALTERED DIVORCE DECREE FOR WOMAN

"Albert C. Fisher" Arrested at the Beers Charged by the Police With Theft.

Detectives Killian and Antram, searching for evidence against Albert C. Fisher, who is under arrest, as a hotel thief, Friday, ransacked rooms that had been occupied by him under different names at the Southern and Jefferson hotels, and recovered notes and papers of a face value of more than \$5,000.

In the Southern hotel room they found \$5,000 in notes and other papers belonging to W. A. Cathey, of Memphis, Tenn., which were stolen from Cathey's room in the Lindell Hotel a week ago.

At the Southern it was said Fisher registered under the name of A. C. Morgan, at the Jefferson it was said he registered as A. C. Cummins. Other aliases which it is said he uses are Long, Hall and Pool.

Fisher was arrested Thursday on the charge of stealing notes and articles and a manuring set from a room at Hotel Beers. He is held on two warrants alleging grand larceny.

STATEHOOD BILL UNLIKELY Senate Makes Another Vain Effort to Find Acceptable Compromise Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—More vain efforts to harmonize on the statehood bill were made in the Senate today. There was no disposition to compromise. While the appointment of conferees was prevented by Senator Morgan, several other Senators who opposed the House bill were ready to agree to these appointments, but evinced opposition to the adoption of a conference report which proposes to bring into statehood the territories of New Mexico and Arizona jointly.

STATE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO POLICE DISCHARGES.

Preliminary to the work of the special committee of the House of Representatives appointed to investigate the conduct of the St. Louis police force, which begins Saturday, Reading Clerk Reeder of the House, who is also sergeant-at-arms of the special investigating committee, had a conference Friday with chief of Police Kelly and Secretary of the Police Board Thomas J. Ward.

He obtained a list of present members of the police force and of those recently discharged from the force. Following this he made special inquiries into the case of Policeman W. O. Adams, recently discharged, who complained of mistreatment by the police board, and it is thought that this case will be looked into particularly by the investigating committee.

ORPHAN ASYLUM IS BURNED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Twelve hundred children had narrow escapes today from fire in the New York juvenile asylum. The spread of the flames was frightfully rapid, Friday night, and the little ones were all saved.

"KIELY MUST GET RESULTS OR GET OUT"

President Stewart Predicts, However, That Present Head of Police Department Will Be Re-appointed This Afternoon.

MERIT SYSTEM TO RULE AND "PULLS" ABOLISHED

Board's Executive Wants Force to Become So Exemplary as to Be Regarded as "Pats of the Public."

The Board of Police Commissioners, which, according to its members, will this afternoon name a chief of police to serve for the next four years, began its session at 1:30 o'clock.

Andrew Blong, one of the old members of the board, was the first to arrive at the board room. To a Post-Dispatch reporter he said:

"We shall take up the business of naming a chief today. I am in favor of reappointing Chief Kiely, and I understand that all the other members of the board, as well as Gov. Folk, are also in favor of him."

Other members of the board arrived early. A. C. Stewart, appointed by Gov. Folk and president of the board, presided. Kiely's selection.

"But if the board does take such action," he said, "it will be with the plain understanding upon the part of the board members and Chief Kiely, that he must either get results or get out, for a man who can and will produce them."

"It is probable that the board will outline a general policy which contemplates the enforcement of all the laws; it will leave the details of the work to the chief of the department, who shall be chief in fact as well as in name, and he will have all necessary authority. Then he must get the results. No excuses will be accepted."

"I think the plan outlined by the board for the management of the department will center about strict adherence to the merit system in appointment and promotion. Nothing else will be allowed to count. The best policeman will stand the best chance of promotion, and political and personal 'pulls' will be abolished."

"The chief will be given thoroughly to understand that the department must be conducted along these lines, with the successful accomplishment of police business as the only end."

Favored By Business Men.

"It has become apparent to me, that there is a strong sentiment among business men for the reappointment of Chief Kiely. Members of the board have heard from them on the subject. My personal experience has been that four out of every five men discussing the question have declared themselves in favor of Kiely's reappointment. One out of five has insisted that someone else be chosen. No one has contended that his record was perfect, but most of them have declared their belief that he obeyed orders as they came to him from his superiors, and that if given to understand that the responsibility was to be wholly his, and that there would be no interference so long as he secured results, his management of the department would show improvement and the entire department would reflect the improvement."

"I want the police force as well as the fire department to be 'the pats of the public.' There is no reason why this should not be. Firemen have enormous amounts in property, and frequently they save lives; but so do policemen. While the firemen save property, and live on and then, policemen save them every day. Policemen are not only guardians of the property and personal safety of the public, but, within certain lines, of its moral safety also. They should be as deserving of the sympathy and friendship of the public as are the firemen, and, deserving it, I hope to see them get it."

John W. Friston, appointed a member of the board by Gov. Folk at the time that Mr. Stewart was appointed, said he would not make up his mind as to the chiefship until he had heard the presentation of facts and the arguments before the board.

"I have no candidate for the position," he said, "I am not prejudiced either for or against Chief Kiely. If the facts as they appear when presented, and the arguments and general discussion on the subject seem to me to warrant a belief that Chief Kiely would be a better man than any other we could appoint, I shall vote for him; if the facts and arguments show otherwise, I shall not vote for him."

"My mind is entirely open in the matter. I shall be guided solely by my conviction of what is best for the police department."

Mayor Wells, ex-officio member of the board, refused to say how he would vote.

"I am willing to say, however," he said, "that Chief Kiely is an excellent policeman and a good chief, and I am friendly to him. But I can't say more."

Andrew Henson, one of the old members of the board, said he knew of no other candidate than Kiely. "I am friendly to see chief," he said, "but I can't say more."

Andrew Henson, one of the old members of the board, could not be found at his place of business. He is a well-known member of the board, and is a friend of Kiely.

READY FOR MEAT TRUST WAR

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The special grand jury which will investigate the meat trust, was sworn today. The grand jury is composed of 12 members, and is headed by Judge C. C. Stewart. The grand jury will begin its work tomorrow.

WHAT OF BRIDES IF FIBS WERE TABOOED?

Judges in St. Leo's Parish Decide "White Lies" Are Sometimes Justifiable.

For the present at least, fibbing is sometimes justifiable in St. Leo's parish. That was the verdict of the judges who listened to the arguments of four young women of the parish in their debate Thursday night on the question "Is it ever good policy to deviate from the truth?"

Father Thomas Lloyd, assistant rector of the parish, was one of the five judges and there was no dissenting vote. Father Lloyd has not so far issued a statement claiming that vote and his four associates decline to tell the secrets of the juryroom.

Miss Ritchie, arguing in favor of fibs, "sometimes," pointed to the fishermen whose right, established by years of custom, it was to tell of the success without showing the game or furnishing witnesses to the accuracy of the scales.

Miss Anna McAdams, Miss Ritchie's associate in the debate, made a plea for the bride who wanted an opinion on her first cake and the heartbreak a truthful verdict would cause in many cases. She portrayed the possible unhappy home and years of misery that might follow should the bridegroom and friends be compelled to speak the truth.

Miss Bertha Bruening and Alice Antrim defended the truth with many serious arguments. The occasion was an entertainment given in the guild hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Father James T. Coffey presided.

Gates' Father Critically Ill.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Arl W. Gates, 35 years old, father of John W. Gates, is critically ill at his home in St. Charles, near Chicago. His death is looked for at any moment. John W. Gates is traveling on the Pacific coast. He has been wired to come home at once.

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Package Containing Nitro-Glycerine and Addressed to United States Senator Found.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—Addressed to United States Senator Penrose at Washington, an ingeniously constructed infernal machine was found done up in an innocent-looking package in a private mail box in the hallway at 1120 Market street.

Archibald J. Williams, a photographer, to whom the mail box belonged, and who discovered the package, turned it over to Captain of Detectives Donaghey, who succeeded in opening the box without exploding its contents.

There was sufficient gunpowder and nitroglycerine in the package to have wrecked a building and it was so constructed that an attempt to open it in the ordinary way would undoubtedly have caused it to explode.

Snappy styles of the Boehrmer Special Extra Quality \$3.50 shoes for men, now \$2.85 at BOEHRMER'S, 410 N. Broadway.

ST. LOUIS BIDDERS OUT OF IT.

Fail to Get Roosevelt Dam Contract Though Their Time Is Best.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 24.—Bids for the construction of the Roosevelt dam, under the provisions of the reclamation law have been opened here. The lowest bid submitted, the lowest being \$1,147,000, that of John M. O'Rourke & Co. of Galveston and the highest \$2,444,000.

O'Rourke demands two years for the construction, while Roderick & Ward of St. Louis bid \$1,575,000 and agree to finish the work in 18 months.

Under the provisions any delay in the construction over the time stipulated in the successful bid subjects the contractor to a \$50 a day penalty.

MINDOE'S DISTRICT IS FOR REPEAL

Best Citizens Anxious to Stop Race-track Gambling in Legalized Form.

BREEDERS' LAW IS AN EVIL

Many Petitions Sent to Jasper County Senator Asking Him to Work for Good Cause.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CARTERSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 24.—If the sentiment of Cartersville is an index to the favor in which the breeders' law is held throughout the state, it is the most unpopular law the statute books. Of the thirty men interviewed, all being of the foremost citizenship, twenty-nine were eager in the opportunity to denounce the measure and anxious to express the abiding desire that the repeal might be carried to perfection and receive the signature of Gov. Folk.

Every man interviewed denounced the breeders' law as a gambling measure, iniquitous, and against public policy.

It is understood that Senator Mindoe, who represents this district, is anxious to observe the wishes of his constituents in this matter and hundreds of citizens throughout the county have written to him personally or signed petitions urging him to vote in favor of the breeders' law repeal bill.

Following are some of the expressions of Cartersville citizens:

Judge Howard Gray, Judge Jasper County Circuit Court, division 1: The present breeders' law is in the alleged interest of fine stock. It is in reality a gambling measure and the passage of the pending bill will stop gambling. I am very anxious that the repeal of the bill should pass.

Judge M. G. McGregor, Ex-Judge Circuit Court: I am in favor of repealing the breeders' law. You may quote me in favor of the suppression of all such gambling privileges as it permits.

J. M. White, superintendent of schools: According to the best information I have, present breeders' law is a gambling measure and I favor its repeal.

W. B. Crane, railway agent: I am stoutly opposed to the breeders' law. It should be repealed. It is iniquitous.

Youtsey, merchant: I am in favor of the bill to wipe out the breeders' law.

Rev. W. R. Atwell, pastor: It is always good to repeal gambling laws.

Robert Moore, capitalist: I am certainly in favor of abolishing the gambling privilege provided under the present breeders' law.

C. F. McElroy, manufacturer: I am not in favor of the state licensing people to manage. Mr. Folk's attitude upon the subject is correct. We should not countenance the breeders' law. We should repeal it.

James A. Hartsch, merchant: I favor the repeal of the original law.

D. G. Wells, merchant: Repeal the law. Our state institutions are not compelled to look to gambling for support. I favor the state fair, but it should not be bound to such a measure as the breeders' law.

Hon. John W. Halliburton: The Legislature should not authorize gambling in any place under any consideration. The present law provides for gambling, and should be repealed. Above all, the state institution should be supported upon the proceeds of gambling. I am in favor of the state fair, but we can support it legitimately. It is all poppycock about that bill encouraging breeders. It encourages gambling and it helps ruin young men. Three-fourths of the money of Jasper County are for the repeal of that law.

Hon. Thomas Hackney, lawyer: The law ought to be repealed. The law was going by its name. It provides for immorality.

E. Kneil, owner of Jasper County Fair: The repeal is proper. I am in favor of it. I have never favored gambling at my fair. It discourages the better class of people in attending to the fair. It means to encourage county fairs. It will make them bigger and better. Most certainly I am in favor of the repealing of such a law. I am in favor of the state fair in any form, and it is wrong for the state to foster such business as pool selling and race track gambling.

Maj. J. L. Moore, capitalist: I think the old law should be killed. Gambling at racetracks should be stopped.

Dr. H. O. Scott, minister: The bill countenances gambling and the law repealed. I am in favor of action being taken toward doing away with pool selling at racetracks.

W. J. Sewall, editor: I am in favor of the repeal. The law is obnoxious and ought to be repealed. I have taken this position in my paper (Cartersville Daily and Weekly Press).

Judge E. E. Hubbard, County Court Judge: The state cannot afford to countenance any form of gambling for any purpose. I favor the state fair, but we can raise money other ways to encourage breeding.

Dr. W. B. Post, physician: I am certainly opposed to gambling in any form. The law provides for gambling.

J. A. Mitchell, banker: I am for its repeal. I have no patience with such a law. It encourages gambling.

Judge J. D. Perkins, ex-Judge Circuit Court: The repeal of this law will not hurt the county fairs, but it will kill suburban racing. I have not studied the question enough to base an opinion.

W. M. Waters, public administrator: The breeders' law should be repealed. It is the curse of county agricultural fairs is the gambler. Likewise the gambling at suburban racetracks is iniquitous. It is demoralizing our young men.

WALKER'S CONSTITUENTS WANT BILL REPEALED.

WARRENTON, Mo., Feb. 24.—No sympathy with the law which permits race-track gambling can be found among the representative citizens of this section. That the nonlicensing clause of the breeders' law is merely a license for gamblers to tempt thousands of men to surrender their earnings and savings is well understood. For this reason it is generally hoped that the bill to repeal the obnoxious measure will be passed by the Senate.

Senator Walker, who represents this district, has been asked by the large number of influential citizens to vote for the repeal. So unanimous is the sentiment that it is believed he will certainly regard the wishes of his constituents.

Typical of the feeling in Warren County are these expressions from well-known public and business men:

E. N. Chiles, circuit clerk: I am against the gambling clause in the breeders' bill. In fact, the bill was passed for the purpose of licensing race-track gambling, and it should be repealed.

W. A. Jones, the breeders' law is nothing but a gambling bill. I am against it from start to finish.

S. G. Robertson, county collector: I am against the gambling clause in the breeders' law.

Theo. Koelling, cashier Citizens' Bank: The breeders' law does not benefit the state in any way.

H. C. Taylor, druggist: Am against any bill that licenses gambling.

Dr. A. W. Graham: The breeders' law is a fraud. It was passed for the sole purpose of licensing gambling. It has not raised the standard of our horses. Repeal it.

F. Schroeder: The breeders' law was passed for the race-track men. It is a good, and should be repealed.

Prof. J. M. Rink: Am strictly against the old breeders' law, and hope to see it repealed.

W. E. Holden, druggist: The gambling clause favors only the bookmaker. Repeal it.

Henry Butthman: The law is a fraud and did not serve the purpose it was supposed to serve.

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Dr. A. W. Ehling: The breeders' law protects one of the worst vices and crimes known and should be wiped out.

C. H. Foster: Repeal the bill, and in that way wipe out race-track gambling.

G. B. Adickes, president Central Veterinary College: The gambling privilege allowed by the breeders' law is wrong and should be repealed.

Two Novices Take the Veil.

With impressive religious ceremonies at the chapel of the Visitation Convent in Cabanne Thursday, Lucia Bolger of Winona, Wis., and Regina Garman of St. Louis, two novices, made their solemn profession. The vows were accepted by Rev. Father Fenelon after a sermon by Rev. Father Tullion, who spoke on the ideal life of consecration to the service of Christ. As these are the only members of the novitiate, the ceremony will not occur again for at least two years.

To make room for spring, every pair of boys', girls' and children's shoes in the house have been reduced at BOEHRMER'S, 410 N. Broadway.

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Choice tomorrow of any all-wool chinchilla Reefers, with velvet or storm collars, that have been selling regularly for 5.00; or any all-wool Boys' Suit that has been selling for 5.00. They're marked at just one-half price tomorrow.

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WALKER'S CONSTITUENTS WANT BILL REPEALED.

WARRENTON, Mo., Feb. 24.—No sympathy with the law which permits race-track gambling can be found among the representative citizens of this section. That the nonlicensing clause of the breeders' law is merely a license for gamblers to tempt thousands of men to surrender their earnings and savings is well understood. For this reason it is generally hoped that the bill to repeal the obnoxious measure will be passed by the Senate.

Senator Walker, who represents this district, has been asked by the large number of influential citizens to vote for the repeal. So unanimous is the sentiment that it is believed he will certainly regard the wishes of his constituents.

Typical of the feeling in Warren County are these expressions from well-known public and business men:

E. N. Chiles, circuit clerk: I am against the gambling clause in the breeders' bill. In fact, the bill was passed for the purpose of licensing race-track gambling, and it should be repealed.

W. A. Jones, the breeders' law is nothing but a gambling bill. I am against it from start to finish.

S. G. Robertson, county collector: I am against the gambling clause in the breeders' law.

Theo. Koelling, cashier Citizens' Bank: The breeders' law does not benefit the state in any way.

H. C. Taylor, druggist: Am against any bill that licenses gambling.

Dr. A. W. Graham: The breeders' law is a fraud. It was passed for the sole purpose of licensing gambling. It has not raised the standard of our horses. Repeal it.

F. Schroeder: The breeders' law was passed for the race-track men. It is a good, and should be repealed.

Prof. J. M. Rink: Am strictly against the old breeders' law, and hope to see it repealed.

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Two-piece Carving Set, \$1.00; actual value, \$1.50.

Butcher Knives
10c, actual value, 25c.
25c, actual value, 40c.
10-inch Pork Knives, 45c; value, 75c.
12-inch Pork Knives, 80c, value 85c.
Cook's Knives, 5 to 9 inch, good steel blades, 25c; actual value, 35c to 75c.

Tea Spoons
Silver-plated Teaspoons, per set of 6, 25c; actual value, 40c.
Sugar Shell and Butter Knife, in case, 10c; actual value, 25c.

Knives and Forks
Silver-plated, Hollow-handle Knives and Forks, bright or satin finish, per set of 6 each, \$4.50; actual value, \$7.00.
Pearl-Handle Knives, set of 6, \$11.00; actual value, \$13.50.

Razor Strops
Good Swing Strops, 35c; actual value 50c.
Cushion Strops, 50c; actual value, 75c.
Cushion Strops, with swing effect, 75c; actual value, \$1.25.
Salesmen's Sample Razors, 50c; actual value, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Cloth Brushes
Solid Silver Back, \$3.40; actual value, \$5.50.
Cloth Brushes, with porcelain back, sterling silver mounted, \$1.45; actual value \$3.00.

Toilet Sets
Six-piece Solid Silver Toilet Set—Two military brushes, cloth and hat brush, mirror and comb, \$21.00; actual value \$30.00.
Hair Brushes, with solid silver back, beaded pattern, \$3.55; actual value, \$5.00.
Pair of Military Brushes and Mirror, sterling silver backs, beaded edge, copper finish, complete, in leather case, \$4.50; actual value, \$6.75.
Gentlemen's 4-piece Toilet Set, silver shield on back of each piece, \$4.50; actual value, \$6.00.
Four-piece Solid Silver Desk Set, in white lined case, \$5.45; actual value, \$8.00.
Six-piece Desk Set, \$5.75; actual value, \$8.00.

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NELSON CORBETT BATTLE AT FRISCO DROPPED FROM TOM AXWORTHY HAS GREAT FUTURE IN HARNESS TURF

YOUNG CORBETT DOWN TO WEIGHT; READY FOR BATTLE OF HIS LIFE

Young Corbett and Battling Nelson as They Will Appear in Ring at Mechanics' Pavilion in Their Battle Tuesday Night

TOM AXWORTHY HAS BRILLIANT FUTURE

Denverite Realizes He Must Win or Become Back Number—Getting "Wise" Money Because It Is Believed Nelson Is Taking Off Flesh Too Fast.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—With three days still intervening before his battle with Battling Nelson at Mechanics' Pavilion, Monday night, Young Corbett, the defeated champion, is down to weight and looks fit to fight the battle of his life.

His camp is one of confidence. The feeling is infectious and his price in the pools is steadily going up. The Dane was the public choice when the betting began, but the flood of Corbett money is driving his price down and down until it will be no surprise if the Denverite rules a ring-side favorite.

No one but his trainers and himself know how long, how hard and how earnestly Young Corbett has trained for this battle. He realizes that this is his last chance. Monday night he must win or sink into the oblivion that closes over beaten champions. If Nelson defeats him on that night it will be because Young Corbett's fighting days are behind him and the Dane is the better man. Young Corbett will be in as good condition as is possible for him to reach when he climbs through the ropes for the battle.

"I knew when I began training for this fight that it would be my last if I were beaten said Young Corbett at his training camp. "I began hard work before the articles were signed, before I knew whether Nelson would meet me again, I was in poor condition when I fought him before, as everyone knows. This time I will be in the best of condition, and I know I will win. Before I fought this boy there never was a man of my weight who could trade punches with me. This is the Dane's only chance, as he is nothing of a boxer. When I am myself, does anyone think that

In a give-and-take battle he can outgame me? I should say not.

"I began training away ahead of time, so I could work into condition gradually and thoroughly. I have done this. My hitting is as good as it ever was, and I don't think that Nelson will keep coming in after he stops my right, as he did last time."

In spite of the rule that a beaten man seldom comes back and defeats his conqueror, much of the wise money here is getting down on Young Corbett. The reason lies in Battling Nelson's training work as compared with his opponent's.

Nelson was a middleweight when he began training for this battle. Corbett was not so heavy and worked over twice as long. The Dane weighed about 150 pounds 15 days ago and he weighs 134 today, taking off a pound a day for 20 days does not as a rule help any man's price when he has a tough fighter to beat. Nelson is naturally of a lean and wiry build, and it is figured that his arduous training will hurt him more than even the same amount of work done by a fighter of Corbett's build. It was reducing weight too rapidly that lost his first battle with the Dane, and Young Corbett profited by that lesson. Now it is his conqueror who is taking a chance with the same evil, and therefore the "wise ones" are taking a flyer on the Denverite to win back his lost honors.

Nelson is as confident as possible, but he says he is not underestimating his man. "I know I have a tough battle ahead," he said, "probably a harder one than I had before. I expect Young Corbett to put up much stronger fight than I know I am his master. I am within four pounds of the weight today and I could be at the mark tomorrow night if it were necessary. I will weigh in at about 135 pounds and be as strong as a bull."

Unless the boxing game is wiped out on the coast the winner of this battle Monday night will be in a position to force Jimmy Britt into a fight. This is the fond ambition of both men and whoever wins it Britt will not have a powerful moment until he signs articles for a battle.



BATTLING NELSON YOUNG CORBETT

Willard Saunders Believes He Could Easily Beat Great Directorum's Record.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Willard Saunders, whose phenomenal success with Lou Dillon, 1934, has made his name a household word wherever the light harness horse is used, thinks that he has another sensational trotter in his stable that will trot to a very low record. Tom Axworthy, 3:38 1/4, is the one that he thinks will turn the trick, and as this horse has shown the "Misericordians" there are now a lot of horsemen who think that this horse will make good Willard's prediction.

Last December a year ago several youngsters by Axworthy were shipped to Memphis and, to say the least, taking them all in all, they were not considered at the time a very promising bunch. In the lot was a raw-boned roan colt called Tom Axworthy, and he was anything but the real goods. In fact, he looked as though he had not been on very good terms with the feedbox, as it was easy at that time to count his ribs. After a lot of work on the part of Willard, he began to improve, and early in the spring this horse showed a lot of speed, and it was then that the other trainers at the track began to pay attention to the Axworthy trotters in the Saunders stable.

Willard is enthusiastic regarding Tom's chances for winning a number of races this year, and a few days ago in talking about this horse he said: "While, of course, I can hardly expect Tom to trot as fast as I have driven Lou Dillon, still, barring her and Major Delmar, I know of no trotter that has as good a chance for two-minute honors as this horse as he has a great turn of speed, can step any part of the mile or all of it you ask him, and no route is too long for him. While Tom has only a record of 3:38 1/4, you must not think that his mark is any indication of his speed. For I thought last fall that he could easily have beaten the 4-year-old trotting record of 3:20, but I did not want this horse's record lowered, so I had to abide by his decision in the matter."

When Tom went into winter quarters last fall his legs were not in the best of condition, as he had two curbs, but, after having them fixed, his limbs are now clean and sound. His feet last fall were slightly contracted, but I had springs put in them and they have been working fine ever since. This winter and, to put it mildly, he looks mighty good to me. Last spring when I began working him, I was afraid to give him too many fast miles, but simply gave him a few and he showed me the last quarter at a fairly good clip, but I will be able to train him a little differently this year and will teach him to step away from the wire."

Snappy styles of the Boehrmer Special Extra Quality \$2.50 shoes for men, now \$1.65 at BOEHRMER'S, 410 N. Broadway.

JAP BASEBALL TEAM COMING

Athletic Manager of Stanford University Receives Acceptance from Waseda University.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
PALO ALTO, Cal., Feb. 24.—Stanford University will meet Waseda University of Japan on the baseball diamond in San Francisco during the month of April. The final negotiations between Manager Iso Abe of the Waseda team and Manager Richard Barrett of the Stanford club were concluded today when a letter was received from Manager Iso Abe stating that the Japanese aggregation would start from Tokyo April 1.

Waseda University won the Japanese championship last spring in a series of games with all of the other Japanese universities, who have taken up the national game of the United States.

Two games will be played with Stanford. One will come off in San Francisco and the other on the Stanford campus. The third of the series will go to the little brown visitors to pay the expenses of the long trip.

During the team's stay in California they will be the guests of the Stanford Japanese Club.

DWYER THROWS JACK MUNROE

Big Miner Wins First Fall in the Wrestling Bout Through Sheer Strength.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 24.—Mike Dwyer won two falls out of three last night from Jack Munroe of Butte, at the catch-can catch-can game. Munroe weighed 210 pounds on entering the ring, dwarfing Dwyer, who weighed 185.

The match was fast and furious from start to finish. Munroe, jabbing Dwyer in the first two rounds. The miner took the first fall by the use of a hammer lock after 16:27 minutes, his great strength proving too much for the fox professor.

The other two falls, however, were different. Dwyer kept on top, working on the miner all the time. He won the second fall by the use of a leg lock and an arm hold in 11:34, and the third and deciding in 9:38 minutes.

Munroe will probably get a return match with Dwyer in Birmingham. He will also get a Greco-Roman match in Atlanta with Charlie Leonard of Newark. He has several boxing matches in mind while in the South.

BASEBALL BRIEFS

The business relations between Catcher Jack O'Connor and President Hedges of the Browns are still at a deadlock. The veteran receiver is now thoroughly established in his new first parlor in the downtown district and says he will be perfectly satisfied to give up baseball and devote his entire time to business.

"You may say for me," answered Jack, glancing around approvingly at the broad, polished mirrors and the artistic decorations of his place, "that I will never accept the cut in my salary. No southern trip for me unless I am offered new terms."

In the meantime, President Hedges sits in his easy chair in the Odd Fellows building and joyfully asserts the signed contracts that have been returned—and smiles.

about baseball, entered an argument with Taylor regarding the profit or loss involved in the proposed sale of one of Jack's trotters.

After proving his point, O'Neil then offered to bet Jack that he could make one equal to two. The original of the famous Taylor case, of course, could not let slip an opportunity like that seemed, so the money was put up.

The pair, followed by a group of interested fans, then retired to the side of the club house, where Mike proceeded to work out on the well the old familiar trick algebraic problem.

After listening for half an hour to "Let A equal 1 and let B equal 2," Taylor began to feel that he was being outwitted. He admitted he had lost. It is said, however, by people in that neighborhood that a man with a lantern was seen until late at night peering the north wall of the club house and rubbing his head.

PRINCETON LOSES FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Three of Squad, Including St. Louisan, Dropped for Failure in Studies.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 24.—A gloom was cast over Princeton men Thursday by the announcement from the faculty that three prominent members of the football squad have been dropped from the university because of failure in studies.

Ed Stannard of St. Louis, the 28-pound freshman tackle on last year's eleven; F. W. Ritter, halfback, and C. L. Holden, guard, will be unable to play on the 1935 team. Failure in the recent mid-year examinations is the direct cause of the faculty ruling.

The loss of these men, together with the absence of Foulke, Short, Burke and Crawford, who will graduate in June, make the prospects for a winning team next season almost hopeless.

The students dropped are all strong players and were in their freshman year. Stannard, especially will prove a severe loss to the Tigers. His line-bucking last year attracted broad attention in the East and he was looked upon by Princeton followers as another De Witt. He was even seriously considered for the All-American team at the close of last season. It is said only his youth and inexperience kept him from displacing the veterans who were chosen.

It is highly probable, however, that the "flunking" of the students will not deprive the team of their services next year. Stannard, who is not yet 19 years old, may spend the rest of this term in tutoring and re-enter the freshman class next fall. It is believed that all the players can be persuaded to try again next term, and in that case nothing will be lost.

MANY ENTRIES AT LEXINGTON

Two Hundred and Seventeen Thoroughbreds Nominated for Four Kentucky Stake Events.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 24.—The entry list for the coming spring meeting at the Lexington track has been announced by Secretary W. C. Scott, and shows 270 horses named to go in the four big stakes. The Distillers' Handicap contains the names of 24, the Phenix Handicap 41, the Lexington stakes for 2-year-olds 40 and geldings 34, and the Senorita stakes for 2-year-old fillies 76.

In the Distillers' will be such cracks as Alan-Dale, Broomstick, McCheney, Bad News, Dick Wells, Estrada Palma, Prince Silverings, Rapid Water, Burleigh and Aggie, while for the Phenix Handicap, stakes will be intense, Aggie, Broadcloth, Loretta M., Waterlides and others.

The heaviest nominators are M. H. Tichenor & Co., Pat Malone, Chicago; E. E. Shum, New York; Capt. S. B. Brown, Pittsburgh, and T. P. Hayes, Lexington. This is the largest number of nominations ever received for four stakes.

GOTCH AND JIM PARR IN TRYOUT TONIGHT

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Champion Frank Gotch, the boy from Iowa, who has created a sensation among wrestlers during the last year, will tonight make his first appearance in New York on the mat.

Against him will be Jim Parr, the best heavyweight wrestler England has produced in recent years.

The champion will undertake the task of throwing the Englishman twice in an hour or lose the match.

BILL REID WILL COACH CRIMSON FOOTBALL BOYS

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 4.—Bill Reid, Harvard's famous old athlete, will coach Harvard's football team next fall. He will receive a salary of \$300, part of which will be paid by the athletic department and the rest by wealthy donors, who are interested in Harvard's athletics.

HELPLESS MAN BRUTALLY SLAIN

Wife of Aged Victim Held for Killing Husband Because He Was a Burden to Her.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 24.—Jesse Stokes, aged 54, blind and unable to support himself, was brutally murdered and his wife is in jail charged with the crime. The man was helpless and his wife had to support him. The murder was committed with an ax.

WYETH, FORMER DERBY WINNER, TO RACE AGAIN

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 24.—Trainer Enoch Wyeth has ordered the 6-year-old mare Wyeth to be shipped to him at Sheepshead Bay. Wyeth has not raced since the fall of 1934, but proved a poor match for Roller.

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LEPER KIDNAPED FROM CAMP

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 24.—Mrs. John Brown, who has been confined at the Louisiana leprosy camp for the past few years, has been kidnapped by her husband and secretly returned to New Orleans.

The state board of health has refused to assume the responsibility of capturing the woman, saying it is the duty of the city board of health to do so. This it refuses to do.

TEXANS EVADE LIQUOR LAWS.

Local Option Held Not to Apply to Foreign Drummers.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 24.—The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has decided that drummers for liquor houses outside of Texas may evade districts that have adopted local option and sell their trade for unbroken packages and have the packages shipped into the local-option districts as interstate commerce.

This practically makes the Texas local-option law inoperative. The decision not only offends the Texas local optionists, but also the Texas wholesale liquor dealers, as it gives outside dealers a large business advantage over them.

TANTED BLOOD

Columbus, Ohio, May 10, 1903.
Some four years ago I was suffering from impure blood and a general run-down condition of the system. I had no appetite, was losing in flesh, and had an all-over tired feeling that made me feel miserable.

I began the use of S. S. S., and after taking seven or eight bottles my skin was cleared of all eruptions and took on a ruddy, healthy glow that assured me that my blood had been restored to its normal, healthy condition. My appetite was restored, as I could eat anything put before me, and as I regained my appetite I increased in weight, and that "tired feeling" which worried me so much disappeared, and I was once again my old self.

I heartily recommend S. S. S. as the best blood purifier and tonic made, and strongly advise its use to all those in need of such medicine.

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AMERICA BARS HER PAINTINGS.

Customs Officials Hold Works of Railroad President's Sister.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Twenty-five etchings executed by Miss Mary Cassatt, sister of President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad, are held by customs officials.

Miss Cassatt has spent several years in Paris, within two months she has sent etchings to New York and while the French government considers her entitled to recognition as an artist, the New York custom house has declined to pass the etchings as works of art and to admit them free as works of an American artist.

Miss Cassatt was pupil of Manet, the famous French artist. At the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia last year she won the Walter Lippincott prize of \$300 for the best figure work in the exhibition.

Her work has been exhibited in the galleries of Durand-Ruel of Paris, and she holds a high place among the painters of France. The customs officers have different ideas, apparently.

FRESHMEN DEFEAT SOPHS.

Nephew of Secretary Taft Pummelled in Snow Battle.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 24.—Yale freshmen for the first time in some years defeated the sophomores in their annual "snow battle" for the trophy of the "snow battle" on the campus and in undisciplined procession of the coveted Yale perching place.

During the melee at the fence, Walbridge Taft, a nephew of the Secretary of War, and a sophomore, was set on by half a dozen freshmen and severely pummelled. The sophomores, including Capt. Hogan of the football team, directed the mauling of the freshmen and the football coaches won the day.

SOCIETY SCANDAL PROMISED.

Prosecutions Likely to Follow Theft of Securities.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 24.—Herman S. Cheney of South Bridge has decided that unless his \$25,000 worth of securities taken from his safe are returned within 24 hours he will prosecute those who have them. Cheney still refuses to reveal the names of the persons suspected. Opinion here is that a woman and man are implicated. Both are alleged to be very prominent socially.

TOLEDO MAN CLAIMS UNIQUE RECORD

Among American Parents.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
TOLEDO, O., Feb. 24.—Bert Houseman of this city claims the record of being the youngest grandfather in America. He is 28 years of age and his wife is 24. The first grandchild was born Feb. 13.

He married at 19 and his wife was then 17. Their first child, a girl, was born in 1912. She was married to Gordon Boden, aged 17. It is believed that Mrs. Houseman holds third place in being the youngest grandmother in the United States.

One woman lives in Brooklyn who became a grandma at the age of 22. Mrs. J. E. Vedder of Salamanca, N. Y., lays claim to being the youngest grandmother in America. Her first grandchild came when she was 22 years of age, and she became great-grandmother at the age of 24.

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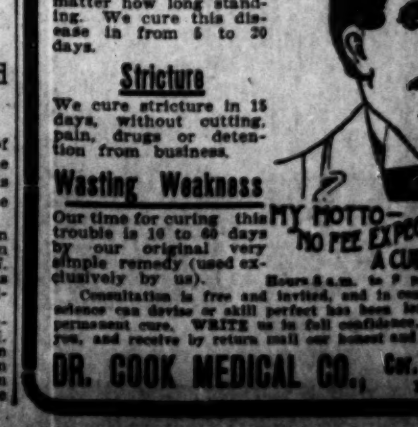
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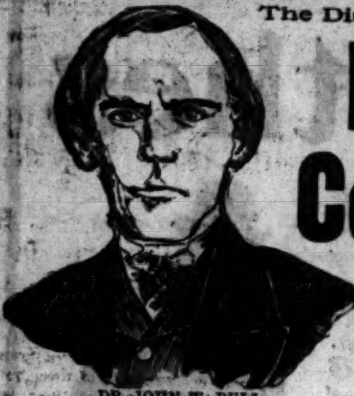
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SAYS DR. KIRCHNER WAS NOT NEGLIGENT

Supt. Brown of City Hospital Declares Grand Jury Investigation Should Exonerate Him.

CORONER'S JURY HELD HIM

His Negligence With That of Attendant Declared Responsible for Long's Death.

Dr. John Young Brown, superintendent of the City Hospital, and the official superior of Dr. C. G. Kirchner, assistant superintendent in charge of the Emergency Hospital, said Friday that he had no fears of any warrants being issued as a result of the findings of coroner's jury in the Henry S. Long inquest.

The coroner's verdict held Dr. Kirchner and Andrew Gavin, an attendant, guilty of negligence in Long's treatment.

"If the grand jury takes the matter up," said Dr. Brown, "I am sure it will find that the charges against Dr. Kirchner are unfounded. Dr. Kirchner has been a member of the City Hospital staff for many years, and is capable and sympathetic to an extent that is almost ridiculous at times. My investigations have shown me that every care was given Long, and that the treatment of blood poisoning that developed was the same as he would have received anywhere else."

"The accommodations at the Emergency Hospital are very poor, however, and it is there that the trouble lies. Fourteen insane patients can be properly cared for there; frequently we are called upon to care for 20 or 30. The result is overcrowding, as was the case at the time that Long was a patient."

"I shall recommend to the board of health at its next meeting that we be given authority to send persons requiring observation as to their insanity immediately to the insane asylum, where their condition can be observed as satisfactorily as here. At present, such patients have to be kept at the Emergency Hospital until the board of health, at regular meeting, orders them sent to the insane asylum."

The verdict of the coroner's jury which was told in the late editions of Thursday's Post-Dispatch, was a surprise to hospital physicians, who expected Dr. Kirchner would be exonerated of all blame by the jury.

The testimony showed that Long was taken to the Emergency Hospital from Eleventh street and Franklin avenue Feb. 8, and was transferred to the insane asylum Feb. 14. Patrolman Grogan who took Long to the hospital, testified in contradiction of the report made by Dr. Kirchner to the board of health. In the report it was stated that Long was violent and four policemen were required to take him to the hospital. Patrolman Grogan testified that four officers were detailed, but that only one was needed.

Dr. Kirchner testified that Long's condition was caused by a continual pulling at the straps which bound him to his cot, which he said was necessary on account of the crowded condition of the Emergency Hospital. He said Long's condition would probably have been avoided had there been a padded cell in which to place him.

GIRL'S HANDS WERE ABLAZE

Cement Used by Shoe Factory Worker Catches Fire From Flames in Dress.

By her presence of mind and the bravery of a companion, Miss Cecelia Gerberman, aged 18, a stitching machine operator in the Dittman Shoe Co.'s factory at 244 University street, escaped serious injury when her dress caught fire from an overheated shafting connection at her feet Thursday afternoon.

When she attempted to extinguish the flames in her dress, the inflammable cement which covered her hands was ignited and her hands were severely burned before assistance reached her.

When she saw her hands in flames she held them from her in spite of the excruciating pain until Miss Mamie Janias smothered the flames with her hands.

The other girls at work on the floor fled in terror as they saw Miss Gerberman holding up her blazing hands. Miss Gerberman, who escaped injury except to her hands, was taken home after the burns were dressed.

Miss Hopkins says: "You find that a true friend is the rarest thing in the world." That Miss Belcher is now manager for Tom House, 415 Pine. For gentlemen. Phones.

MR. CAPEN AND BRIDE HERE.

Bridegroom Was Not in Litigation With Former Wife.

Wallace C. Capen and his bride, who was Mrs. Erle McCreary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McCreary, of Rock, Ark., where they were recently married, have come to St. Louis and are at the home of Mr. Capen's mother, Mrs. J. I. Capen, at 28 Westmoreland place. They will soon begin housekeeping in the neighborhood of McCreary and make a new start in life.

In a report of the marriage of Mr. Capen and Mrs. McCreary, it was stated that Mr. Capen was a woman 30 years younger. Mr. Capen and his former wife, who was Miss Florence Louisa, had been in litigation for the possession of their child. Mr. Capen has no children.

J. C. Ayer & Co. to Publish Formulas on Their Bottles.

LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 24.—J. C. Ayer & Co., manufacturers of proprietary medicines, announce that hereafter they will publish formulas of their medicines on bottles.

MORGAN PLANS BOND ISSUE

Investors Will Be Offered \$250,000 Ocean-Shipping Paper

Special to the Post-Dispatch. Feb. 24.—Plans are being perfected by J. Pierpont Morgan to underwrite another bond issue for the benefit of the public. It probably will surprise investors to know that this new issue will consist of an additional \$2,000,000 of the 4½ per cent collateral trust debenture bonds of the International Mercantile Marine Co., familiarly known as the Ocean Shipping Trust.

To make room for spring, every pair of boys' girls' and child's shoes in the house have been reduced at BOHMER'S, 410 N. Broadway.

One Month for a Murder.

KIRKINIFF, Bessie, Feb. 24.—The trial of thirty-one Christians accused of the murder of a Jew named Spokow during the anti-Semitic riots, was continued today with the acquittal of nine of the defendants, while twenty-two were sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

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CHARGES LYNCHINGS TO POOR TEACHINGS

Sir Winfred Laurier Believes Canada Superior to United States.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 24.—Sir Winfred Laurier, introducing a bill in the House of Commons providing for Roman Catholic schools in two new provinces in the Canadian Northwest, said that lynchings, murders and divorce evils of the United

States were due to the absence of religious teaching in the common schools of that country.

"When I compare Canada with the United States," he said, "when I compare the statutes of the two nations, when I think upon their future, when I observe the social condition of civil society in each of them, and when I observe in this country of ours the total absence of lynchings and almost total absence of divorces and murders, for my part, I thank heaven that we are living in a country where young children are taught Christian morals and Christian dogmas."

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BUSINESS MEN FAVOR BOND ISSUE

League Indorses Plan of Raising \$9,000,000 Explained by Comptroller Player.

The Business Men's League, at a meeting held Thursday evening at the Mercantile Club, passed a resolution indorsing the proposed bond issue of \$9,000,000, which is to be voted on at the next city election. The proposition was discussed at length

by members and was thoroughly explained by Comptroller Player.

The resolution was introduced by Joseph A. Jackson, president of the Typographical Union No. 8.

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The following additional figures, constituting its Balance Sheet, illustrate with equal significance the very great and satisfactory progress of the Company:

AVAILABLE FUNDS			
The Company Owned:	Dec. 31, 1904	GAIN IN 1904	
1—Bonds and Stocks, amounting, at the Market Value, to.....	\$243,191,442 24	\$28,478,203 87	
2—Real Estate, chiefly in the large cities of the world where the Company does business.....	34,701,700 61	389,567 01	
3—Cash in Banks and Trust Companies.....	17,973,159 59	4,487,890 48	
And It Had Loaned:			
4—On First Mortgages of Real Estate.....	102,027,893 42	12,802,978 28	
5—To Policy-holders on their Policies.....	23,277,738 49	4,351,685 85	
6—On Bonds and Stocks.....	11,210,000 00	3,007,500 00	
And there was Due the Company:			
7—For Interest Accrued, Quarterly and Semi-annual Premiums, Etc.....	8,596,438 81	629,219 02	
Making the Total Available Funds.....	\$440,978,371 16	\$89,156,700 50	

LIABILITIES			
	Dec. 31, 1904	GAIN IN 1904	
1—Amount required by law as a Reserve Fund for paying all the Company's Insurance Risks, as certified by the New York Insurance Department, and for Claims due.....	\$366,620,552 73	\$28,798,784 78	
2—Contingent Guarantee Fund, out of which future dividends to policies now in force will be payable as they become due by the terms of the policies of insurance.....	71,457,818 43	12,202,974 77	
3—Fund for Immediate Dividends to be paid on Policies in the year following.....	2,900,000 00	70,000 00	
Making the Total Liabilities as a Mutual Company.....	\$440,978,371 16	\$89,156,700 50	

DISBURSEMENTS AND ACCUMULATIONS			
	In 1904	GAIN IN 1904	
1—Paid Policy-holders.....	\$34,726,548 34	\$1,998,768 28	
2—Paid for all Other Accounts.....	16,656,183 10	576,247 12	
3—Total Disbursements.....	\$51,382,731 44	\$2,575,015 40	
4—Balance of Income Accumulated.....	28,620,253 13	1,094,159 36	
Total Disbursed and Accumulated.....	\$81,002,984 57	\$3,669,271 81	

A Pamphlet containing a complete list of all the Bonds and Stocks owned by the Company, amounting to \$243,191,442.24, and the amount held of each, with its par and market-value, will be mailed to any address on written request to the Home Office.

The Market Value of the Bonds and Stocks owned at the end of the year was \$25,810,689.51 in excess of their cost on the books of the Company, and these results have been obtained without resort to questionable practices or the use of methods derogatory to the reputation of the Company.

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ADAM ORIGINATOR OF THE "SIMPLE LIFE"

High Priest of the Vedanta Says Charles Wagner Is Not the First Exponent.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Rev. Chas. Wagner, who has been the originator of "The Simple Life," he appears to be in error. The Swami Abhedananda, high priest of the Vedanta society of New York, told his flock of mystics that the original exponent of the theory were Adam and Eve.

According to the Swami, the original simplicity of life applied not only to the matter of clothing, but in all else terrestrial. Women are in the majority in the Vedanta society, and those who listened to their high priest were nearly all elaborately gowned.

"The ideal of simple living has been held in the Orient from time immemorial," said the Swami. "It dates back to the beginning of the world. But in the Occident simple living is equivalent to poverty, and poverty is regarded here as a curse. Here men are growing under the burden of overwork, ambition, disease and discontent that they may satisfy their insatiable greed."

"In India men and women today, as in all ages, voluntarily renounce riches, palace, even thrones, to find in the simple life true happiness and spiritual light. Occidental civilization has solved the problem of living simply and rationally. India the man who has the smallest needs is considered to be the nearest perfection."

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IRVING TO RETIRE AT ONCE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Sir Henry Irving, having already given up his tour of the English provinces, is likely now to cancel his farewell American engagement. Though the actor is slightly better today, his friends are greatly alarmed.

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KANSAS OIL WAR BOOMS HOCH FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Governor of Sunflower State Deluged With Congratulations and Politicians of Middle West Begin Sounding His Praises.

WHACKS "OCTOPUS" BY SIGNING CARRIER BILL

Legislators to Show no Mercy in Investigating Osage Leases—Price of Standard Oil Stock at Low Ebb.

BY JOHN FAY.

A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 24.—Gov. Hoch will be the Sunflower state's candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1908.

The governor is deluged with letters and telegrams of congratulation from Republican leaders in the West. His words, "Standard Oil must be decent," and "A square deal, no more, no less," are on the tongues of the politicians throughout the middle West. Again has he whacked the "octopus" by signing the pipeline common carrier bill.

"If any of these oil laws are unconstitutional," said he, "we can submit an amendment to the constitution, so that the people may be protected. We cannot stand inactive when an aggressive enemy is clutching us by the throat. I believe that the Kansas anti-trust sentiment will have widespread results."

Former Attorney-General Monnett of Ohio, is expected here Saturday.

The fifty days for which Kansas legislators draw salary expire Tuesday, and the law-making body is supposed to adjourn on that date. Unless unusual speed is displayed it will require another week to finish the business.

Dispatches from Washington to members of the Kansas Legislature say the Standard Oil and its tributary companies are to be shown no mercy by the House.

Members of the House are anxious to know how Secretary Hitchcock, after denouncing the lease of the Osage lands, could so reconcile the matter as to renew the lease upon exactly the same terms.

The secretary has said that the lessees had "vested rights" in the land leased. Members are at a loss to understand what vested rights can accrue to the lessees after the term of their lease expires.

Standard Oil stock continues on the decline, which has been a feature of the issue ever since President Roosevelt ordered an investigation of the company. This, added to the warfare waged against the company by the various western and southern states, is held solely responsible for the declines.

Ten points more were lopped off the price of stock on the Broad street curb market, the issue selling down from 600 to 550. This is equivalent to a depreciation of \$100,000 on the market value of the company's outstanding stock of \$100,000,000.

Standard Oil sold at 54 1/2 on Feb. 14, but it closed at 54 on that date, which was the day President Roosevelt's determination for an investigation was announced.

CAR OVERTURNS FUNERAL CARRIAGE

Five Mourners Are Pinned Helpless Under Vehicle at Hall's Ferry Road.

WOMAN INTERNALLY HURT

Rev. Henry Gardner Slightly Bruised Bearing Combined Weight of Victims.

The carriage party of five who were injured in a street car collision while returning from the funeral of Mrs. John Pearson at Bellefontaine Cemetery at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon are all recovering from their injuries.

John Pearson, husband of the woman whose funeral was held, sustained a scalp wound. He is at his home 431 John street.

Mrs. Wm. Pearson, his son's wife, one of the two women in the carriage, was internally injured, cut on the hands by broken glass and bruised. She is the most seriously injured, but Dr. Meredith, her physician, expects a prompt recovery.

William Pearson and Miss Iva Lynne, Mrs. Pearson's daughter, who suffered a strained arm and a few minor cuts, are at their home, 808 Victor street.

Rev. Henry Gardner of 235 Harper street, pastor of the Lee Avenue Presbyterian Church, the fifth member of the carriage party, was slightly bruised, although he was pinned down for a time under the combined weight of all the other victims. William Cliff, driver of the carriage, was unhurt.

At Hall's Ferry and North Broadway there is a drinking fountain, and the driver of the Pearson carriage stopped to water his horses. Then he started to drive diagonally across Broadway to the west, or "right," side of the street.

As he approached the tracks he saw a north-bound Broadway car approaching and stopped, but says he understood the motorman to signal for him to go on. He started across, and the next instant the car struck the carriage near the center and overturned it.

Frank Powers, the motorman, says he thought the carriage driver had stopped, and when he started it was too late to prevent the collision.

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LONELY, HE HANGED HIMSELF

Parting With Last of Three Daughters to Wed Drove Aged Tinner to Suicide.

An inquest was begun Friday morning over Frederick Schmidt, aged 70, whose body was found hanging in the stable in the rear of his home and tinshop at 7715 South Broadway Thursday afternoon by John Walte, a former employee of the aged tinner, who had gone to the shop to get some work done.

Neighbors say Schmidt ended his life because he was lonely since his third and last daughter, Mrs. Josephine Swensen, had moved from the neighborhood above his store to Elymore, Ill. Twenty years ago, Schmidt's wife left him and his three daughters, and in the years of residence together he became closely attached to the young women.

The eldest daughter, Lela, married first. After she became Mrs. Crump, she resided at Gas City, Kan. Then Theresa became Mrs. Kramer and moved to a distant part of the city. Two years ago Josephine married a man named Swensen.

Some time ago, Mrs. Swensen lived in the room above her father's tinshop, and he lived in the room back of the room where he worked. He appeared to enjoy his arrangement, but after a while he found it necessary to move to the distant city.

He seemed in good spirits, but told her that he had decided to make his will as he was getting old. This document was drawn Wednesday by Ernest Renner and in it Mr. Schmidt said to have left his property to his daughters.

Boys' satin calf, good heavy shoes for school, 2 1/2 to 5, \$1.75 value, now \$1.25, at BOEHMER'S, 410 N. Broadway.

COWBOYS OFF FOR INAUGURAL

Two Carloads of Ponies and Many Riders Leave West to Participate in Parade.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 24.—Capt. Seth Bullock today shipped two carloads of ponies to Washington to be used in the inaugural parade by the cowboys from the Black Hills. Some of the cowboys are already on the way East, and Capt. Bullock and fifty more will leave Deadwood next Monday.

Ten of the best riders of the cowboys will go to New York after the Washington event to take part in a roping contest at Madison Square Garden. Most of the members of the party are the owners who were acquainted in the early days with President Roosevelt.

Snappy styles in Women's Manhattan Special \$3.50 shoes, now \$2.50 at Boehmer's.

STAGE DRIVER REMEMBERED

St. Joseph Wants to Place Bust of W. F. Davis, Inventor of Mail Car.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Representative Cochran of Missouri has introduced a resolution authorizing the public authorities of St. Joseph, Mo., to place in the Federal building, now being constructed there, a bust of William A. Davis, Mr. Davis, now deceased, ran a stage coach, carrying the mail between Hannibal and St. Joseph and became famous as the inventor of the first mail car, which he constructed out of a box car.

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Fine for Boy Who Stoned Car.

San Catansero, 11 years old, living in the rear of 615 North Ninth street, who was charged with throwing a stone through the window of an Easton avenue car last Tuesday in the Juvenile court Friday and sentenced to the house of refuge for an indefinite term. The boy admitted that he broke the car window, but said that he threw the stone at two men who took his cap while he was selling papers on the car.

Pumping Station Employee Hurt

Arthur Helwig is at his home, 2108 John avenue, with a fractured skull and several scalp wounds as the result of a fall of six feet from a ladder at the Bismarck Point pumping station of the city water department, where he is a fireman, Thursday afternoon. In falling Helwig struck on his head and the fracture is at the base of the skull.

Advance Showing of Men's and Young Men's New Spring Clothes



With justified pride we direct your attention to and invite your early inspection of the smart new Spring TOP COATS, RAINCOATS and SUITS for Men and Young Men that are now on display and ready for your choosing at Famous. Only the very best and cleverest tailors in America can satisfy our exacting wants, and therefore only the most artistic and most correct garments built for this spring's service are represented in this august gathering. Most conspicuously shown are the handsome clothes of ROGERS, PEET & CO. of New York, which are exclusively sold in St. Louis by Famous and which are conceded to be by far the very finest ready-to-wear garments produced in the United States—equal in every way to the highest priced made-to-measure clothes. Custom tailor enthusiasts are particularly urged to thoroughly study the excellence of these garments.

The New Top Coats Are Priced From \$8.50 to \$35.00 and come in all the proper effects—the short, medium or longer coats—tan or drab covers, fancy patterned Scotch mixtures, Oxford gray or solid black vicunas or unfinished worsteds. There's a tone of excellence and refinement about them that will deeply impress genteel dressers.

The Long Raincoats Will Be More Popular This Spring No garment is more practical—it answers every purpose; can be worn as a spring Overcoat, Raincoat or for dress occasions. Our showing this season represents all the newest weaves and shades. We desire specially to emphasize the superlative values we offer at \$20.

The New Suits for Men and Young Men. An advance display of the correct fashions for spring—creations from America's foremost tailors, including the celebrated ROGERS, PEET & CO.'S New York clothes. All the very latest effects make up this showing. Prices range from \$10 to \$35.



Men's Pants

\$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5 Values for \$2.65

Freshen up that Winter Suit with a new pair of stylish pants—they certainly can be bought at a low enough price Saturday at Famous. We offer expertly tailored, service-giving pants, made of pure wool cassimeres, chevots and worsteds, in a wide range of correct pattern effects, including the nobby stripes, plaids, checks, or the plain blacks and blues—products of the best trouser tailors in America—regular \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 values—Saturday at Famous—don't miss this chance—choice

2.65

Men's \$3.00 and \$3.50 Pants—Saturday at Famous—very special—choice

1.90

Men's Pants

\$5.50 and \$6.00 Values for \$3.85

It's to your absolute advantage to thoroughly investigate this most remarkable pants offering. Your choice of several hundred pairs of strictly all-wool worsted, cassimere and cheviot pants, in this season's most fashionable effects—absolutely correct in fit, style, workmanship and hang—pants that have been in our best selling \$5.50 and \$6.00 lines—Saturday at Famous—choice of any for.....

3.85

Men's \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00 Pants—Saturday at Famous—very special—choice

4.70

New Spring Clothes for Boys

As usual, Famous is first in the field with the new Spring apparel for the boys—a magnificent showing, indeed, far eclipsing anything heretofore attempted in St. Louis. Our prices this season you will find (as always) much lower than elsewhere on qualities far superior.

Boys' Spring Suits at \$7.00

Exquisite productions from the world's best boys' tailors—Three-piece Vest Suits, Double-breasted Two-piece and Norfolk styles—Russian Blouse Suits, Eton Sailor Suits with blazer trousers and Buster Brown collar and tie—in the snappiest patterns introduced for this spring's wear—also plain blacks and blues—suits that cannot be matched for less than \$10 elsewhere—Saturday's Introductory Price.....

7.00

Boys' Spring Suits at \$3.95

Double-breasted Two-piece Suits, Double-breasted Norfolk Suits, Novelty Suits in Sailor, Russian Blouse and Eton styles—made from splendid all-wool serges and fancy mixtures—richly trimmed in the latest spring fashions—suits for which you'd readily pay \$5.00 and \$6.00—Famous Introductory Price.....

3.95

Boys' Swell Topcoats at \$6.00

Dressy Outer Garments for the little men 6 to 16 years of age—made from tan covert cloths, just like "dad" wears—quite the thing for early spring wear—an \$8.00 value—Famous Introductory Price.....

6.00

Boys' Spring Waists and Blouses

All the very latest patterns and colors—in percales, chevots, chambrays and madras cloths—collars attached or plain bands—sizes 2 1/2 to 15 years—Famous Price.....

50c

Boys' Spring Suits at \$4.95

We have centered particular efforts on this line and know these suits are the best values ever shown in St. Louis—Included are all the newest styles in every desirable pattern effect and color combination in demand this season. Garments that are built from absolutely pure wool fabrics—perfect in fit and finish and guaranteed for their lasting qualities—\$6.00 and \$7.00 is what they'd cost you elsewhere—Saturday at Famous—choice for.....

4.95

Boys' Spring Suits at \$2.50

A wide range of nobby patterns in styles to please boys of all ages from 3 to 16 years—substantial, excellent wearing and slightly new spring suits that you'd consider reasonably priced at \$4.00—Famous Introductory Price.....

2.50

Boys' Top Reefers at \$3.95

Clever little garments in the newest effects—fancy Scotch weaves and plain covert cloths—beautifully embroidered designs on sleeves—the three-quarter length or the long Russian style with belt—sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years—\$5.00 values elsewhere—Famous' Introductory Price.....

3.95

Boys' New Spring Shirts

The negligee style—plaided or plain—white or colored—everything that is new and fashionable—sizes 12 to 14 1/2—Famous Price.....

95c

Men's Fancy Vests

\$2 and \$2.50 Values, \$1.10

Several hundred stylish Fancy Vests for Men and Young Men—made from novelty silk vestings and all sorts of washable fabrics—in white and colors; single and double breasted styles—Vests that are positively worth \$2 and \$2.50—Saturday at Famous—choice for.....

1.10

Men's Bath Robes

\$5 to \$8 Values, \$2.95

A most emphatic bargain—Men's Bath Robes—made of Imported Terry Cloth—good weight—all sorts of fancy patterns and colors—heavy cord and tassels—Robes that can absolutely not be bought in the city under \$5, \$7.50 and \$8.50—Saturday at Famous, as an exceptional special, choice for.....

2.95

Men's Spring Hats

\$2.50 and \$3 Values for \$1.60

They're samples from one of the best Eastern hat manufacturers and include this spring's most stylish stiff and soft blocks—in black, brown, pearl, steel and mocha—these hats are absolutely correct for this spring's wear; regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 values—Saturday Special for.....

1.60

WE GIVE EAGLE TRADING STAMPS.

Your Money Back If Wanted

Famous

BROADWAY AND MORDAN.

Open Saturday Night Till 10 O'clock

DOVE OF PEACE COOED SIMON OUT

Health Commissioner Explains
Withdrawal From Race for
Mayor.

TALTY CLAIMS 14 WARDS

Friends Now Working to Get Fifth
and Twenty-fifth to Support
Him.

Health Commissioner John H. Simon withdrew from the Democratic primary race after a conference with John F. Lee, Thomas Jenkins and Edward J. O'Neill. Dr. Simon announced that he had been urged to do so in order to promote harmony in the party. The withdrawal of the health commissioner leaves a clear field for Mayor Wells in the Democratic primaries.

At the primaries the strongest battle will be over nominating candidates for collector and inspector of weights and measures, although in many wards the race for House of Delegates nomination will be interesting. There is no contention for the other positions on the ticket. Comptroller of Public Accounts, Auditor, Treasurer, Register, Register of Deeds, Register of Mortgages, Auditor of the Board of Public Improvement and President of the Board of Assessors have no opposition for re-nomination. Councilman Joseph Spiegelhalter has the field to himself for city marshal and Capt. Joseph Boyce is the only nominee for president of the City Council.

TALTY'S FRIENDS CLAIM HE HAS 14 WARDS

Judge John A. Talty's Republican friends are now claiming the Fifth and Twenty-fifth wards as the result of Otto F. Stifel's refusal to run for mayor. Committee men Joseph L. Schuler of the Fifth and Fred Smith of the Twenty-fifth were both staunch supporters of Mr. Stifel for mayor.

Talty's friends have been working for Smith and Schuler since Stifel retired from the race and announced that he would not run for mayor. They had been drinking with him, Patton said, in the saloon which he had entered to get warm. Schuler denied taking bread from the wagon. Herman Blanke testified that he saw both men taking bread from the wagon. "I fine you \$10," said Judge Moore to Schuler, "because you not only took the bread but have told a lie about it. If you had told the truth I would have fined you only the \$10 fine."

TOOK A STRAW VOTE.

Interesting Experiment in a Restaurant.

An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent western trip was dining one evening in a Pittsburg restaurant. While waiting for his order he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well-known dyspepsia preparation, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. As he himself was a regular user of the tablets, he began speculating as to how many of the other traveling men in the dining room were also friends of the popular remedy for indigestion.

He says: I counted twenty-three men at the tables and in the bar. I took the trouble to interview them and was surprised to learn that nine of the twenty-three made a practice of taking one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal. One of them told me he had suffered much from stomach trouble that at one time he had been obliged to quit the road, but since using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets had been entirely free from indigestion, but he continued their use, especially while traveling, on account of irregularity in meals and because like all traveling men he was often obliged to eat what he could get and not always what he wanted.

Another, who looked the picture of health, said he never ate a meal without taking a Stuart Tablet afterward because he could eat what he pleased and when he pleased without fear of a sleepless night or any other trouble. Still another used them because he was subject to gas on stomach, causing pressure on heart and lungs, shortness of breath and distress in chest, which he no longer experienced since using the tablets regularly.

Another claimed that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets was the only safe remedy he had ever found for sour stomach and acidity. He had formerly used common soda to relieve the trouble, but the tablets were much better and safer to use. After smoking, drinking or other excesses which weaken the digestive organs, nothing restores the stomach to a healthy, wholesome condition so effectually as Stuart's Tablets.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets contain the natural digestive, pepsin, diastase, which every weak stomach lacks, as well as aux, hydrastin and yellow perilla, and can be safely relied on as a radical cure for every form of poor digestion. Sold by druggists everywhere.

WOMEN CHEER AS JEY SOY WINS

Commissioner Gray Decides That
Chinese May Remain in
This Country.

MEMBER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Court Fails to Restrain Applause
of Wife of Pastor Brandt and
Her Friends.

Mrs. J. L. Brandt, wife of the pastor of the First Christian Church and superintendent of the Chinese Sunday school, which forms a part of the work of that church, and several companions clapped their hands when United States Commissioner James R. Gray announced that Jey Soy would be permitted to remain in this country.

Soy was a pupil of the Christian Church Sunday school and his case attracted wide attention among the church members interested in the Chinese mission work, and several members of the Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church were present and joined Mrs. Brandt and her companions in their applause. Commissioner Gray smiled instead of calling the women to order.

Soy was arrested in November and has been at liberty on bond. He testified that he was in business in St. Louis and had lived here since 1882. He was born in San Francisco 25 years ago, he testified, and that his father brought him to St. Louis in 1882. Several witnesses sustained Soy's testimony. The decision allowing him to remain was based upon his birth in the country.

"TRUTH WOULD HAVE SAVED YOU \$5 FINE"

Court Doubles Penalty of Man
Who Denied Stealing Bread—
Companion Confessed.

John Patton and William Schuler, charged with stealing bread from a wagon of the McKinley Bakery Co. in front of a saloon at 510 North Broadway last Friday morning, were fined respectively \$5 and \$10 by Judge Moore in the Court of Criminal Correction Friday morning.

Patton's defense was that they took the bread as a joke, having known the driver of the bakery wagon, out of the saloon. They had been drinking with him, Patton said, in the saloon which he had entered to get warm.

Schuler denied taking bread from the wagon. Herman Blanke testified that he saw both men taking bread from the wagon. "I fine you \$10," said Judge Moore to Schuler, "because you not only took the bread but have told a lie about it. If you had told the truth I would have fined you only the \$10 fine."

Blanke said the two men left the saloon at 510 North Broadway while he was still there. They took the bread from the wagon. When he went out to stop them, Schuler ran away but Blanke held Patton and called Policeman Mooney, who arrested him in the day. The two men live in the neighborhood where the affair took place.

X-RAY TO FIND HIS GOLD TEETH

Councilman Marks Swallowed
Three Maxillaries and Doesn't
Know How It Happened.

Dr. Heine Marks, former superintendent of the City Hospital and member of the council, may have to turn the X-ray on himself to locate three gold teeth that he swallowed last Monday occupied a place of honor in the back part of his mouth. He swallowed the teeth and now says he doesn't know where they are.

KRAMER GRANTED DIVORCE.

Dr. Caulfield, Named in Crossbill,
Not at Trial.

Harry A. Kramer was granted a divorce from his wife, Emma F. Kramer, and the custody of their two children by Judge Sale in the Circuit court Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Kramer had brought suit for divorce and her husband had filed a cross-bill. Her suit was dismissed and the divorce was granted him on his cross bill.

Dr. Caulfield was named in the cross-bill as the originator of the matrimonial trouble. Dr. Caulfield did not appear at the trial, though a suit is pending in which Mr. Kramer has sued him for \$5,000 for alleged alienation of his wife's affections.

Caulfield is said to have made his first trip to the Kramer home last June when he was called to attend Kramer's 2-month-old child, and continued to attend the child until his death a few weeks later. After that his visits continued and his attention to the child became more noticeable to the neighbors, several of whom testified they had seen him call on Mrs. Kramer when her husband was away from home.

"Joke's on Me," Laughs D. R. Francis, on Discovering His Trip to Cuba Was First Vacation He Had Taken in 6 Years



Back at His Desk, "Renovated," He Tells of Schoolboy
Freedom He Enjoyed Before Starting on Job of
Straightening Out "Kinks" in World's Fair's
"Break Up of Housekeeping."

There's a renovated president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company out at the desk of David R. Francis in the old emergency hospital that is now doing duty as the World's Fair administration building. It's still David R. Francis all right—even more all right than usual—but it's a new David R. Francis just the same. This is because the World's Fair president has just indulged in a three-week vacation, which included a pleasure jaunt to Cuba in the best of good company.

And it was David R.'s first vacation in nearly six years. That's why the World's Fair company has a renovated president. The kinks of nearly six years of hard labor have been smoothed out of him, mentally and physically, and all the shop-worn marks accumulated since 1899 eliminated. He's as good as new.

A big, ruddy, clear-eyed man leaned back in his chair and laughed heartily when a Post-Dispatch reporter asked him how he enjoyed his first holiday in over five years. "O, go away!" he said. "I've not been working that long without a vacation. Why, here, man, I can count it up for you."

And then, after he had checked up on his fingers, he laughed again, a ringing, almost boyish laugh. "The joke's on me," he said. "I'm blest if it isn't true—I haven't taken a holiday for nearly six years! Who the mischief would have thought it!"

The problem seemed to puzzle the big, ruddy man. And then President Francis—frankly no use trying to conceal his identity any longer—reached the solution of the baffling mystery. "O, here I'll tell you how it is!" he announced. "I was counting that trip I took to Europe to interest various great powers in the World's Fair as a holiday jaunt! Then, too, I went to New York once to confer with the people there concerning the exposition, and I was in Washington to do what I could toward getting the World's Fair bill passed. That's where I made my mistake—it seemed to me those were good holidays!"

His lightning "stunt" through Europe was thought to be the most difficult achievement of the entire World's Fair. Missionary work in New York was a pretty serious undertaking. And the tasks that fell to the World's Fair president in the matter of getting the World's Fair bill passed were anything but light. He was saying—that is, to the ordinary man who knows what it is to feel tired at times. Nevertheless, President Francis was a bit weary and fagged before he indulged himself to the extent of taking his recent trip to Cuba. He says so himself.

ST. LOUIS MOTHERS DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN GROW UP THIN AND PALE

When We Guarantee Vinol Will Make
Them Strong, Robust and
Healthy.

"I wish every mother in St. Louis could know what Vinol will do for their little ones who are weak, thin-legged, hollow-cheeked and bloodless," said Mr. Wolff of Wolff-Wilson Drug Co. "It seems almost wicked for parents to let their children grow up weak, puny, ailing and nervous, and if fathers and mothers would only give their children Vinol, they would see a great difference in the younger generation in this vicinity."

"Vinol is just the tonic growing children need, as it builds them up and creates flesh and strength so rapidly. It contains in a highly concentrated form all of the medicinal, body building elements of cod liver oil, without a drop of oil or grease, and no sickening drugs. Children love it because it is so delicious to the taste, and you know what you are giving your little ones."

Continued Mr. Wolff: "I am continually hearing of so much good it is doing, not only children, but the weak, aged, run-down, tired and debilitated, that I cannot help being enthusiastic in regard to Vinol. I wish every mother in St. Louis would try Vinol, on our guarantee that if it does not do their little ones all the good we claim we will refund all the money paid up for the medicine. It seems as though it was the duty of every mother in St. Louis to accept this offer." Wolff-Wilson Drug Co., Druggists.

"TELEPHONE FOOL," ROSE MARION FINDS, ONE OF GREATEST NUISANCES

Her Pencil Runs Across Three Little Stories That Are Side-
lights of the Day's News Illustrating Odd
Conceits of Humanity.

BY ROSE MARION.
Hard words have battered against my tympanum at various times, but seldom have they hit quite so hard as these: "Deliver me from the telephone fool. The biggest, most useless, inane, kind of a fool that a fairly modern invention ever produced. With all great improvements there usually come results that are undesirable. The telephone habit is bad, I admit, when permitted to mix too much with things other than business, but the telephone fool. That's the sad-climax."

The definition of the "poor fool" followed. "Usually, but not always, a woman that hasn't had a telephone in her house long. Sometimes a person who has little pressing business of his own and who lacks sufficient imagination to understand the existence of those who are swamped from the time the office door opens officially in the morning until it shuts under the same conditions at night."

"Here's what happens when the telephone fool is at the other end of the wire and you're forced to listen. T. F.: 'Hello!' You: 'Hello!' T. F.: 'Know who this is?' You: 'No.' T. F.: 'Can't you guess?' You: 'No.' T. F.: 'Try.'"

"Then if you're wise you hang up your receiver before you're forced to hear the worst of the telephone fool, his or her sigle. 'There should be an organization for the suppression of the telephone fool. Only one rule for members is necessary: Hang up the receiver the instant the 'Don't you know who this is?' begins.'"

Little Clara Marks hasn't attained the kindergarten age as yet, but she is absolutely and femininely normal on all subjects of decoration. She is no disciple of simplicity and likes her own little bonnets much trimmed. One of the harbingers of spring, a trimmer and pruner of trees, rang the bell of the Marks home on West Morgan street. Clara's mother was not at home and a friend of the family went to the door. "Want your trees trimmed?" asked the man.

"No," replied the guest. "Are you the lady of the house?" he asked, noticing her youthfulness. "No," she replied, "but I'm quite sure she wants no trimming done."

"Won't you ask her?" he persisted, his arms outstretched. She increased by her seeming determination that he should not. "She's not at home," was the final reply and the tree-trimmer went next door.

Little Clara had heard the whole dialogue and when the man was gone stood looking sadly out at the tree in front. "Why did you say that?" she asked reproachfully of the guest. "Why did you send him away? Said my mamma didn't want her trees trimmed. Think we want our trees around here all summer without any leaves? Better call that man back and let him go to work trimming."

No explanation was attempted by the guest. Men read through the statements made concerning that which women will and will not do for the sake of society and they smile. There is the smile of the unknown. Their mirth would be wonder, perhaps amazement, perhaps disgust, did they know actual truths.

It is not for their natures to feel the hunger that women know when they want for social intercourse with men and women who talk of other things than the merely necessary ones, where there are compliments given and exchanged, where there is appreciation of gown and bonnet. Public entertainments like the matinee do not satisfy this want. There is a desire for what the French call a "cercle" and which we term a clique.

What is called "the society bug" comes sometime to most women. When they can't have things as they would the sadness of it all is greater than what we would term the nonsense of it. I know a woman in St. Louis who longs for society much. Deprived of the same she makes the most of what she has. Other women dress for social functions. She has none to attend. Others gown themselves for guests. Few come to her home.

She makes a toilet daily for her grocery man. He is a wise person. Would do for a St. Louis Ward McAllister had not Mr. Hobbitsville pre-empted the claim. He is suave and smooth and other things which it's suggested.

He flatters the woman's vanity. He never forgets to remark upon her "excellent taste." Were he less of a diplomat he might refer to her fine figure or her beauty possessions which she has only in moderation. The real pathos, however, is here.

He makes her pay for his courtesy and the happiness of having a grocer beyond the ordinary. Were she to read over her monthly bills and compare them with current prices she would find that an extra number of cents is tacked to the various pounds of sustenance.

Where her attention called to the matter I doubt if she would be any wiser. "It's a good thing," she can talk small talk well. That she seldom hears from the members of her "society," who are seriously in earnest about life.

Milwaukee Fireman Killed.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 24.—One fireman was killed, five were injured and property valued at \$40,000 was destroyed in a fire today in a planing mill of the International Woodwork Co.

FUNERAL DELAYED TO FIND CAUSE OF DEATH

Inquest Verdict Is That Fall From
Car Did Not Kill Mrs.
Manes.

The coroner's inquest into the cause of the death of Mrs. Louisa Manes of 4170 Castlemar Avenue, begun at the home Wednesday afternoon just before the body was taken to the grave, was completed Friday. The verdict was that death was caused by chronic kidney trouble, and was not perpetuated by a fall on the ice at Broadway and Washington avenues as the family supposed.

Mrs. Manes slipped and fell while alighting from a street car Feb. 7. She was confined to her room for a few days, and then seemed to have recovered, but a few days later became ill again and died Feb. 21. The funeral was set for Feb. 22, but a doctor's certificate that death was partly the result of accident was not accepted at the mortuary office and a burial permit was refused until the coroner had acted.

This development occurred only a short while before the hour set for the funeral, and the coroner hurried to the house, impelled a jury from among the neighbors, began the inquest and had the post-mortem held.

The funeral was delayed half an hour, and Friday morning the report of the post-mortem physician was received and the inquest completed. W. E. Newport, a United Railways conductor, was called as a witness, but refused to testify. He admitted that he had been told to testify.

Morton Jourdan, a United Railways attorney, was in the room, and ordered the witness to proceed, "regardless of what any other official of the company had told him to do."

Newport said Mrs. Manes had slipped while leaving the car and carrying her 4-year-old niece in her arms, but had been able to leave the car alone. The report of the post-mortem physician was accepted by the coroner's jury, which declared the accident had no part in causing the death.

Folk Club for Meriweather.
Several hundred members of the Twenty-seventh Ward Folk Democratic Club met at King's highway and Easton avenue last night and decided to support Lee Meriweather for mayor. Twenty-five delegates were named to the Public Ownership League convention on March 2.

Joseph A. McLean was named to run for the House of Delegates. The ward is very close and with McLean and Edgar Smith dividing the Democratic vote, the Republicans are confident of electing their representative. The following were elected delegates to the Meriweather convention: F. J. Kelly, John F. Lingner, M. J. E. Hartman, George E. Eggers, Thomas Hays, John T. Hiley, E. F. Cunningham, Joseph A. McLean, John Walsh, Patrick Bumber, Harry Hoel, William Phelan, Charles Tullman, Hugh Satchell, A. C. Garrett, Flaherty, John Nolan, E. E. Wood, John P. Lacey, John Scharnsche, A. E. Young, Albert Bell, James P. Flaherty, Anton Hartman, Thomas Scully and J. W. Walsh.

Whatever is in any way beautiful
hath its source of beauty in itself,
and is complete in itself; praise
form no part of it—so it is none
the worse nor the better for being
praised."

Clothes made to
adorn men be-
comingly is the
chief charm
that identifies
our garments: A
combination of
good taste and
fine tailoring
have make our gar-
ments interesting
to those who re-
quire something
more than ordinary
tailor clothes or
ready-made at
most stores.

Spring Overcoats
in frock style,
lapels wide and
buttoning low, wide
sweep of skirt—
Top Coat, the new
three-quarter
length—or Box
Coat, always
handy and smart
appearing.

The choicest fab-
rics tailored to
our order into
fashions 1905
dictates—
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\$30, \$35, \$40.

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FEBRUARY 24, 1905.

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WHEN WILL ST. LOUIS HAVE ITS FIRST MILLION OF PEOPLE?

The suggestive article from the New York World on "The Marvelous Growth of Cities," which is reprinted on this page, has a special interest for the people of St. Louis, who are preparing for a record-breaking achievement in municipal growth. Their goal is a million population, and they have organized a Million Club to accomplish this result.

Consul-General Mason shows the remarkable effect of improved rapid transit upon Berlin's suburban population, which has increased much more rapidly than that of the city proper. The World points out that similar conditions are found in New York, the percentage of increase in crowded Manhattan being only 28, while that of Greater New York is 37.

St. Louis differs from these great cities and from Chicago, whose tremendous increase of population has been gained by the building up and annexing of suburban towns, in the fact that it has expanded evenly from the business center to the north, south and west. Whether because of the abundance of attractive and low-priced land within the city's boundaries, or because of the lack of stimulating rapid transit facilities, no populous towns have grown in near proximity to St. Louis except upon the east, where the expansion of the city is barred by the river separating Missouri from Illinois.

Although East St. Louis and several other thriving towns on the east side are closely bound to St. Louis, enjoying the benefit of its railways, its overflow population and its overflow manufacturing plants, they cannot be annexed or counted as a part of the city.

THE TASK TO BE PERFORMED.

The expansion of St. Louis must take place wholly on the west side of the river. All the increase of population which can be counted as belonging to St. Louis must be located here. St. Louis has an area of only 39,276.80 acres, less than one-half of Philadelphia's, one-third of Chicago's and one-fifth of New York's. Probably 1,000,000 people could live within this area without much overcrowding, but a million of souls within the present area of St. Louis would mean 1,250,000 within Greater St. Louis, so that unless the task is to be greatly increased we must expand the limits or count the population of the city and suburbs. We have plenty of room in which to grow on the west, where there is an abundance of beautiful rolling land.

The population of St. Louis has increased in the past by a constant, evenly-progressing percentage. What may be called the curve of population is a segment of a circle unbroken by marked variations, except in 1870, when the padding of the census to keep up with Chicago gave a sharp upward turn to the line, which fell back to the normal curve in 1880. There was an increase of about 100,000 in population between 1880 and 1890 and of about 125,000 between 1890 and 1900.

In 1903 a partial census supplying the basis for an estimate indicated a population of 627,000, an increase of 52,000 in three years. Assuming this conservative estimate to be correct, there will be a normal increase for the decade of 1900-1910 of 173,000. But the World's Fair has probably added between 25,000 and 30,000 to the population, so that we may safely assume a normal increase without special effort of 200,000 by 1910. This would bring the population of the city in round numbers to 778,000, leaving a deficiency of 225,000 to be supplied by the work of the Million Club.

CONDITIONS OF GROWTH.

The conditions that make for the growth of cities may be summarized thus:

1. Business opportunities, or the necessities of prosperity.
 2. The conditions of life, which include transit facilities, rents, municipal comforts and conveniences.
 3. Social and educational advantages.
- The primary consideration with most men in choosing a place of residence is the opportunity to engage in a profitable occupation or business venture. The business man who wants to put his money and energy into a manufacturing or commercial enterprise must be assured above all of favorable conditions, such as adequate transportation facilities, reasonable freight rates, convenient markets, moderate taxes, rents and expenses. He regards it as essential that these conditions compare favorably with those of other possible locations. They are the foundations of a city's growth and prosperity, because profitable business conditions draw to the city the host of professional men, clerks and wage earners who seek opportunities to make a living.

The object, therefore, of the Million Club is to discover wherein St. Louis is lacking in the conditions essential to the largest and most profitable business expansion. How can transportation facilities be improved and freight rates and charges be reduced to a minimum? Are there abundant facilities for the prosperous operation of manufacture and commerce? Are the taxes, water rates and rents reasonable? Are there plenty of cheap and accessible factory locations?

The conditions of living in St. Louis are next to be considered. Would they attract men who are seeking new opportunities? Would men and women choose St. Louis as a place of residence in preference to other cities with equal business opportunities? Can they find here comfortable homes at reasonable cost, within convenient distance, measured in space or time, from the shops or offices? Are the transit facilities sufficient to accommodate a rapidly increasing population? Is the service efficient?

Have we the schools, colleges, churches, art galleries, theaters and other advantages for social, religious and educational development which are required for a great and growing community? Are the public works sufficiently advanced to meet the wants of a million people? Have we the sanitary works, the improved and well-lit streets, the convenient parks and play-

grounds, the pure atmosphere and a sufficient supply of clear, wholesome water?

OBSTACLES AND SUGGESTIONS.

When the question of terminal and bridge conditions was raised by the Post-Dispatch in connection with the franchises sought by the Terminal Railroad Association, in 1903, the Business Men's League, the Manufacturers' Association and other business organizations urged upon the railroad the necessity of granting St. Louis bills of lading, which would place the city on the railroad map, and the removing of all St. Louis terminals to the west side of the river. The necessity of these changes is emphasized in the current report of the executive committee of the Business Men's League, which remarks that despite costly improvement, the terminal facilities "are still inadequate for the business of this city." . . . The situation here is unsatisfactory to both the shippers and the railways. Freight delays make both the railways and the shippers lose money and that makes the whole city poorer.

The testimony of merchants and manufacturers before the Senate investigating committee proves conclusively that St. Louis commerce and manufacturers suffer from inadequate terminal facilities and excessive terminal charges. The bridge arbitrary hampers a large part of St. Louis commerce. It is impossible for a city to enjoy free and rapid growth with shackled commerce.

Might not the rectifying of these wrongs result in a bounding expansion—in an access of a quarter of a million population within five years?

The manufacturers complain that the water rates are too high—higher than those of any competitive city. They say that investors are frightened off by the rates. How much would low water rates help?

St. Louis has as complete a system of street railways as any city in the Union, but the system does not give real rapid transit to the outlying residence districts and the suburbs. The steam railroad service to the suburbs is inadequate. How can the city expand without rapid transit?

The total rate of taxation has risen from 1.95 in 1900 to 2.19 in 1904, without any reduction of merchants' and manufacturers' licenses. Cannot this burden be lightened? Would it not be a wise policy to abolish the license tax, which is a direct tax upon enterprise?

The great waterway which was the first cause of the city's commercial growth and prosperity is practically unused. Who can calculate what the full utilization of the river for transportation would accomplish for St. Louis trade?

The atmosphere of the city has been improved through the operation of the anti-smoke law, but there is still large room for improvement.

We are still far short of the proper standard in municipal improvements, institutions and public work.

ADVANTAGES AND STIMULANTS.

Despite complaints of hampering conditions, St. Louis has made a remarkable record of growth and prosperity in manufactures, trade and finance. In a recent speech Festus J. Wade, the founder of the Million Club, gave the figures of the wonderful increase of St. Louis business since the beginning of the Exposition world six years ago. Within that period the taxable wealth of St. Louis has increased from \$360,000,000 to \$459,000,000; the banking capital has risen from \$20,000,000 to \$80,000,000; the bank and trust company deposits have increased from \$162,000,000 to \$225,000,000. In 1904 the bank clearings were \$2,800,000,000, twice those of 1898. The wholesale dry goods trade has doubled in six years, now amounting to \$80,000,000 annually. In the manufacture of shoes St. Louis has risen from fourth to third place.

That there are abundant opportunities for profitable investment in manufacturing plants, is proved, not alone by the great increase in the output of St. Louis factories, but by the increase in the number of factories. In 1903 there was a net gain of 78 manufacturing and of \$11,817,400 new capital invested in plants. In 1904 there was a net gain of 101 manufacturing and \$11,615,500 new capital. The jobbing trade increased more than 10 per cent and the retail business from 10 to 20 per cent last year, over 1903.

St. Louis is fortunately situated in the center of the most productive valley in the world, with rivers forming natural highways for commerce, and railways spreading to every point of the compass. Her trade territory, exceeding that of Chicago, stretches far in all directions, but farthest to the south and southwest. It embraces the richest lands in the country.

The Southwest, which is just beginning to be developed, has the largest possibilities of development and is now passing through the most rapid process of development of any section of the Union. The developing of the Southwest will be to St. Louis what the developing of the Northwest was to Chicago, with the difference that the Southwest is far richer in resources than the Northwest.

Last year the distributing territory of St. Louis was enlarged by 1900 miles of new railway, more than 40 per cent of the new railway construction in the United States.

St. Louis has cheaper fuel than any of her competitors. Fuel is cheaper in St. Louis than in Pittsburgh.

The Mississippi river is a great resource, which can be utilized whenever St. Louisans determine that it shall. The trade of the Orient will go that way when the Panama canal is completed.

St. Louis has a salubrious and healthful climate. The city's death rate is below the death rate of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.

The homes and parks of St. Louis were the special admiration of World's Fair visitors. It is surrounded by a charming country.

St. Louis has achieved the impossible. In defiance of general skepticism and discouragement, St. Louis created, financed and successfully managed the greatest international Exposition, without a failure at any point and without subsequent business reaction or stagnation. The city is known throughout the civilized world. Her solidity, resources, advantages are acknowledged.

Having the confidence of success in a supreme effort; having the proved ability and energy to achieve great things; having the material resources at command, there is no reason why St. Louisans should not push the city forward into the million class in five years. The advantages are many, the obstacles are few and surmountable.

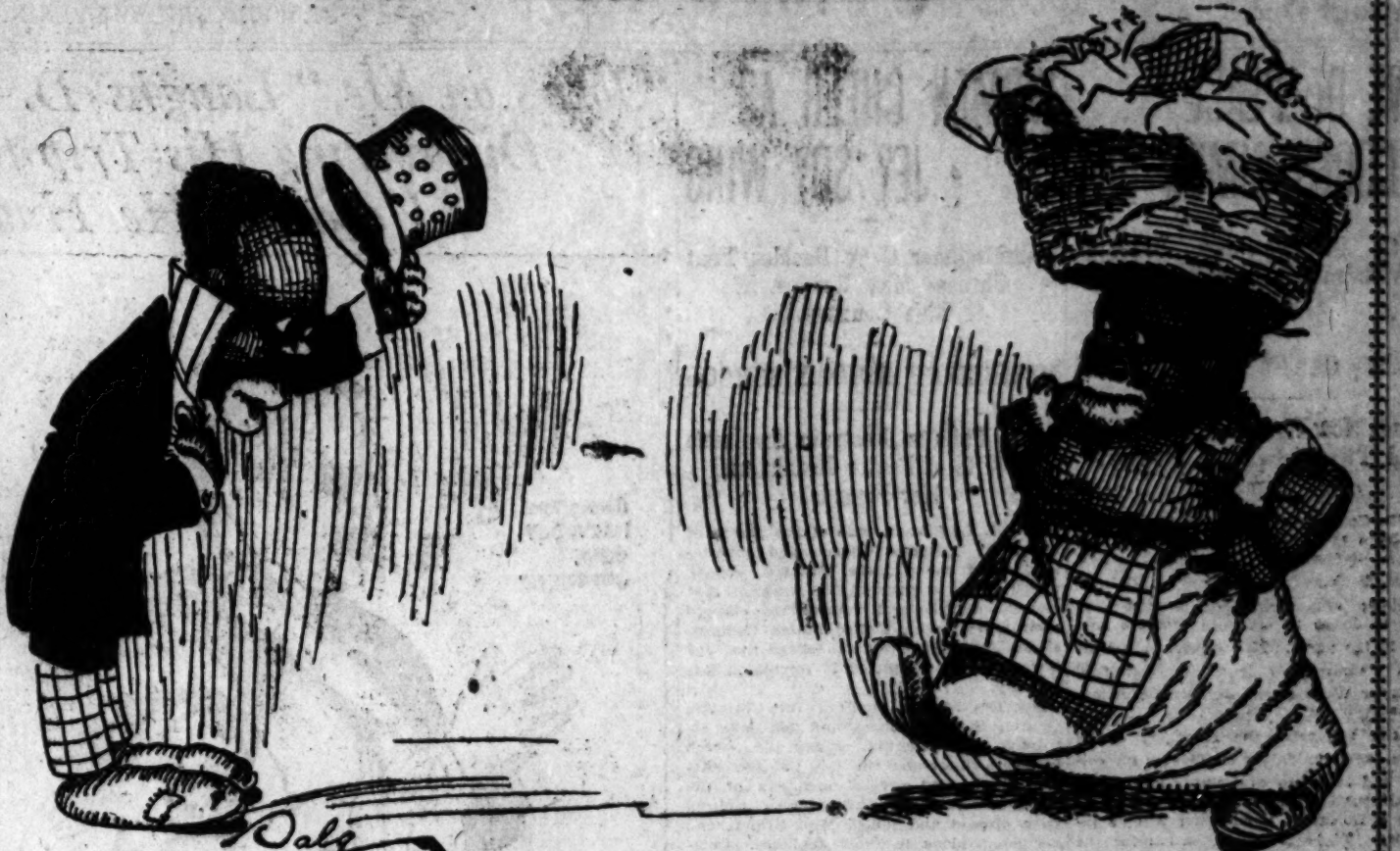
The questions to be decided are, what work is necessary to be done and what is the best way to do it.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS

Legal questions not answered. Business answers not given. No hints decided. Write but one question. Sign and give full address. All questions, "Answers, Post-Dispatch, City." Use postal cards if convenient.

- A. C.—Don't know about Diamond Club.
J. P. R.—President is not a millionaire.
X. Y. Z.—Naval recruiting here in June.
H. J. STONE—Miss Irwin not yet booked.
BROTHER—Largest battleships, Connecticut and Louisiana.
MURDER—Superintendent City Hospital, Dr. John Young Brown.
J. C. M.—For government publications on telegraphy, write to your congressman.
E. R.—Matron of honor at wedding should not wear black; if a recent bride she should wear her wedding dress; flowers same as brides or bride.
G. G.—On Washington's birthday, 1898, there was a slight frost; 1897, cloudy; 1898, cloudy; 1899, snow; 1900, clear; 1901, snow; all years since, clear.

His Little Game at Once Suspected



"Mandy, my honey, when I gaze on yore magic lo'm, I can't help 'magin' how much talk do Venus ab Maple you am gettin' to be obery day."

"Das all very fine, William Waldo', but don't let do size ob dis wash stigmatize yor 'maginatin' into do idea dat you am gwine to have anudder dollah an' a quarter to blow in on craps."

THE MARVELOUS GROWTH OF CITIES.

From the New York World.

The Department of Commerce and Labor has just published from the pen of Consul-General Mason an interesting study of the growth, under improved rapid-transit, of Berlin. A census taken upon Dec. 1, 1904, and compared with the same date of 1900, shows a growth in the city in four years from 1,888,848 inhabitants to 1,996,708.

This is a relatively small increment, but the reason is the same as that which holds the lower wards of Manhattan and Brooklyn to a stationary or declining number. Berlin proper is completely built up, but in its suburbs in four years 681,138 persons have grown to 886,377, three-fourths of whose workers go daily to the city—a growth which is comparable to that of Queens, Bronx and the other wards of Brooklyn. For "Greater Berlin" the increase, therefore, is 221,059, or 12.4 per cent. As the pace tends to accelerate by compounding, the percentage of increase for the decade may reach 33 or even 35, and Berlin become by 1910 a metropolis of 2,400,000 people.

It is interesting to compare these computations with the careful ones made editorially for The World at the time of the opening of the subway. Greater New York is now a city of practically 4,000,000 souls. The population of Manhattan grew in the decade ending 1900 25 per cent; the other boroughs 45 per cent; the city as a whole 37 per cent. Including Westchester and the suburban area in New Jersey the growth was 38.5 per cent. And within 50 miles of the City Hall there now live 6,000,000 people.

The capital of the great and progressive German nation is now about two-thirds the size of New York, or a little more than half the size of our actual metropolis, including its Jersey and other suburbs, as Mr. Mason includes with Berlin its outlying towns. Berlin is growing very nearly as fast as New York and twice as fast as "Greater London," whose rate of increase from 1891 to 1901 was only 17 per cent. That New York, with all its new plans for rapid transit, will soon be the world metropolis is reasonably certain. It is not impossible that Berlin may within the present century become the world's second city.

Folk's Legal Side.

Among other things the Green Bag for February contains an article, with portrait, on "The Legal Side of Joseph W. Folk," by K. G. Bellairs of St. Louis.

Much has been said of Gov. Folk in the magazines and the press, but this is the first description of the legal qualities and first description of the legal qualities and methods of the now famous Missouri politician. Beginning with a statement of the apparently unsurmountable difficulties of the gathering evidence for indictment, and of finding legal authorities on bribery as precedents to convince the court, the writer of the article ascribes Folk's success to the surprising rapidity with which he can investigate authorities, the "unusually and unerring facility of finding and hammering the weak point in his adversary's case"; in his keen apprehension of the line of defense which would be followed in the bribery cases, and in his wonderful persistence and tact in extorting testimony from unwilling witnesses. To illustrate these qualities, details are given of the gradual discovery of evidence in the St. Louis and Missouri bribery cases—with quotations from Folk's cross-examinations and arguments. The whole article is well worth reading.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Half the time confidence is based on ignorance of the danger.
A man can be mighty disagreeable to his wife without her admitting it to anybody but him.
People spend a few minutes sliding down hill and all the rest of their lives trying to climb up again.
It makes a woman feel very pious not to pay her fare on the street car and put the nickle in the church collection plate.
People say they have been leaving Europe when they were over there for a week, and living abroad when it was a fortnight.
—New York Press.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER VIEWS

This Morning's Comments on To-day's News by the Leading Metropolitan Journals.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Dr. Osler's "Joke on maturity," as the World calls the now famous remarks of the Baltimore physician, arouses all the papers to serious and lengthy discussion. Without exception they praise the gentleman. The World's editorial on the subject is in line with the others. It says:

"Prof. William Osler's relation over his call from Johns Hopkins University to a chair at Oxford is readily comprehended. Some people have taken seriously his solemn protestation that at 40 a man is comparatively useless, while at 60 he should be unobtrusively chloroformed."
"Dr. Osler himself is 54. This is part of the joke. The 'joke' grows as we reflect that the country never had a President under 40, the gentleman who is to be inaugurated on the coming 4th of March, at 64, being the youngest on the long list."

"Grant was unknown and discouraged at 40, a hero and a President at 45. Lincoln went into the White House at 52. Taylor began to be a strenuous President at 55. Washington fathered his country while in the forties and fifties and became chief magistrate at 57. Benjamin Franklin did his best public service after he was 70. So examples could be multiplied indefinitely. In the United States Senate today out of the 30 members more than a score will reach 70 years in age before 1907."

"Of a truth the world's lasting accomplishments are those, as a rule, of maturity and of age. The exceptions lie chiefly in literature, although the annals of war show such names of early celebrity as those of Napoleon and Alexander. And even in letters, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell producing his first novel when past 50, is one of many examples of ripened talent. George Eliot wrote 'Romola' at 44. Swift was 69 when 'Gulliver's Travels' traveled to his lively imagination and wit. Robinson Crusoe was DeFoe's work at 68. Moreover, who speaks to chloroform William Dean Howells at 63?"

"Go to, Dr. Osler! Feel your elation as you will at your call across the seas, but get a new joke for your farewell."

If you are packing your things for the trip to the inauguration, it might be well to put in a pair of car mufflers. Also a suit of gaudy underwear and a palm-leaf fan.—The Mail.

Senator and Direct Vote.

Discussing at length the agitation for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, the Evening Post says: "So long as the Senate itself opposes it, a constitutional amendment is out of the question."

It notes the general movement to select senatorial nominees at the party primaries as a substitute in lieu of a direct election, and adds: "In the southern states the election by primary seems to move like clockwork. Two years ago Colorado and South Carolina elected senators about the same time. In one case the houses were in a state of siege, and it looked as if a senator could be elected only at the point of bloodshed and riot. In the other, the debate on some unimportant local bill was merely suspended for a minute while a unanimous ballot was cast, and the member who had been interrupted went on with his speech. In Arkansas, the number of votes cast in the Democratic primary which chose Senator Clarke was practically twice as great as the total vote for Parker last fall."

The Post points out the difficulties posed by the fact that there are more than two per-

cent of responsibility connected with the operation of trains."

There is passed on to other subjects, and presently reverted to the railroad, only giving that the vexed question of freight rates be submitted to the interstate commerce commission. Instantly Congress grew interested, and ever since that time the question has been at fever heat. Why? At bottom the reason is just this: You can argue about the value of American lives, but hands off American business! The thought is not definite, of course, but that's the feeling which prompts it.

And the one reason our statute books today do not bear a law requiring the adoption of a block-signal system, a law earnestly recommended by the President, a law which if passed tomorrow would save lives or limb to some 75,000 Americans every year of the calendar, is because the American people do not care enough about the

FOR
JUST A MINUTE
Verse and Humor

Signs.

I saw a spring of grass today:
Hooray! Hooray!
This means that spring is on her way:
Hooray! Hooray!
This means that winter, bleak and bare,
Will soon be "non est" everywhere:
That sunshine soon will fill the air:
Hooray! Hooray!

In fancy I can hear the birds:
Hooray! Hooray!
That twitter such delightful words:
Hooray! Hooray!
This means that soon, yes, very soon,
We'll feel the breath of May and June:
And seek green spots where shadows gleam:
Hooray! Hooray!

In fancy I can smell the blooms:
Hooray! Hooray!
That soon will brighten all the rooms:
Hooray! Hooray!
This means that joyous days to come,
When June's delights are "going strong,"
Will put the Dead Past on the bum:
Hooray! Hooray!

Stories That Went Wrong—No. 3

THE SOCIETY GIRL.

She was "a reigning belle in society" or "a reigning society belle," as a young woman is called whose father belongs to the Sons of Evolution by accomplishment, i. e., by having succeeded in accumulating enough money to send his daughters away to school, to build a marble shaft on the boulevard or to buy up pictures he knows little or nothing about at fabulous prices. Just why we should say that a belle "in society," or that, if she is "a reigning belle," she is in society, or that, if she is in society she is "reigning"—but that's another story.

"I have come," said the society editor of the Daily Fire Alarm, "to secure your photograph as the leading feature of our society page next Sunday."

"What! My picture?" exclaimed the model of all society girls.
"Yes," replied the society editor, "you are reckoned the most popular girl in town, and although we have published your picture at least twenty times, we now want your latest and best."

"Why, I am sure I never knew that you had published my photograph!" exclaimed the social pet. "If I can prove this to you I shall certainly feel called upon to furnish your paper for dinner and tea. I am sending my photograph now, I would as soon think of permitting you to write up the \$1000 gown that I am going to wear at the McDubbs' soiree next week! My photo graph in a newspaper, exploited as the most popular girl in St. Louis for years! Never!"

And the proud belle turned upon her heel, while a pampered maid drove the discomfited society editor from the door.

Those Grand Dukes.

The Czar of Russia, having made so many fighting dukes.
Might learn from Cyprien, Jett and Rita.
A few things good for his dull wife.
About "putting up his dukes."

In order to express himself properly under the circumstances John D. Rockefeller may find it necessary to revise that old song, the chorus of which is:
They're after me, they're after me!
To capture me is every man's chance.
They're after me, they're after me!
Till the individual they require.

However, a down-trodden people have never arrived at the point where their fate is incumbent upon them to blow up one of Mr. Rockefeller's grand dukes.

What is the difference between the "dull" chorus on the left and the chorus on the right?

In a newspaper man's day, "putting up his dukes" means to blow up one of Mr. Rockefeller's grand dukes.

THE GIRL WITH GREY EYES

BY IVAN WHIN

Author of "Myra," "The Rise of Rose," "Benedicta," "The Shadow Clue,"
"Gartha" and "A Sapphire Princess."

THE STORY OF A ST. LOUIS OFFICE MYSTERY.

Began Monday—Ends Sunday.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Allice, the Girl with Grey Eyes, is the St. Louis representative of the Nostra Sonora mine, which is a small bar in "quartz samples" taken by someone from the express messenger. The express messenger, a nephew of Humphries, who is Fred Blanchard's partner in the mine. A detective employed by her learns through a woman operative whom he sends as a servant to the Hanrahan's that Patrick has a room which he keeps securely locked. After vainly endeavoring to get Arthur Ford, a young lawyer, to aid her in legally opening this closed room, with a search warrant, Allice effects an entrance to the room with the aid of the woman detective and finds three bricks of gold, equivalent to about one-half the stolen gold. Detective Humphries takes Patrick Hanrahan and Eleanor Hanrahan, who is very much like Allice, to the Nostra Sonora mine, to his office to "sweet" them. Ford, Blanchard, Allice and the woman detective go to the Hanrahan home. They enter the room and search it thoroughly, finally finding gold amounting to the remainder of the stolen gold. They are surprised by an old prospector, Humphries, who lives with the Hanrahan. Ford and Blanchard disarm him and in the melee his arm is broken. They hear a noise outside the door and find there the woman detective sitting on the head of Jim Mooney. He is a half-witted brother of Blanchard's partner, whom Blanchard thought he had left in Sonora, but Jim says he has been in St. Louis a month and that he stole \$100,000 worth of gold bars when he was in Sonora. He has one bar which on examination Blanchard says is one of the "quartz samples" shipped to the girl with grey eyes. Ford notices that there is some understanding between Humphries and Allice.

CHAPTER V.

FORD drew Allice away from the other. "What is Humphries to you?" he asked, suddenly. She looked at him, startled.

"I don't know. It is very strange," she said. "The instant he came into the room I thought I had known him somewhere, some time. When he made us back up to the wall and held our hands up I was not in the least afraid of him. I wouldn't let Mr. Blanchard hit him with the pistol, but why I interested I don't know. I don't believe he's a good fellow, and yet I feel toward him as one might feel toward an erring brother or father."

"You looked positively happy when Blanchard punched Jim Mooney's nose," she said. "I was happy. I cleared up everything so decisively. We have recovered all the stolen gold. There is no one hurt and the Nostra Sonora concession is safe."

"We don't know yet who stole the gold," she said, slowly, "but don't you think you could make a pretty accurate guess?"

"Hanrahan?"

"You're warm—but then I forgot you don't know some things I do, and you'd be sure to guess wild, and what does it matter?"

"I do not think the whole affair is settled. What assurance have we that the gold found is the gold taken from the express packages?"

"We have no positive proof, but do we need any?"

"Suppose Humphries or the Hanrahan charge us with burglary, or even sue to recover?"

"They dare not."

"Think a moment what disclosures would have to be made by Blanchard to even set up a moral claim to the ownership of the gold. All they would need to show would be that he broke into this house and stole six bricks of gold. Humphries would claim them as the product of his many years' mining in Mexico. Blanchard could not show what the missing packages contained and he is on record as having said they contained quartz and were of no value."

"I refuse to be downcast."

"Then I'm not altogether satisfied that Jim Mooney lied. I'd feel safer if I could prove that he did not, for by his story Humphries and the Hanrahan could be convicted of receiving stolen property. The danger of that would prevent them from prosecuting us for recovering the lost gold in this irregular fashion."

"How could you prove that half-witted man told the truth?"

"Let us go down to the office and I'll show you the first step." He went over to Blanchard and whispered with him a few moments. At the end of the conference Ford said to Humphries: "Your arm has been neglected long enough. I am sorry I had to break it and I want to get it mended. Will you come with us to a doctor?"

Humphries smiled as one who bears no malice but bides his time. "Yes," he said.

They left the woman detective in charge of the house with instructions to make her standing there good by a tearful appeal to Mrs. Hanrahan's good heart for pardon.

At the office of the Nostra Sonora mine in the Missouri-Lincoln building they found Hendricks.

"I thought you'd be back here before I could get out to you," he said cheerfully.

"What have you discovered?" asked Blanchard, smiling satirically.

"I'll tell the Miss about it," said Hendricks.

The three bricks of gold found by Blanchard under the coke had been brought downtown. The three bricks Allice found

in the closed room were taken from the safe.

The glass-encased scales were moved from their recess to a small table, and Blanchard, with Ford's assistance, carefully weighed the six bricks. They calculated silently.

Blanchard looked up from his figures with an oath. Ford was smiling broadly.

"What did you get?" demanded Blanchard. He looked at Ford and said: "Something, by Jove. I've verified three times and the result's the same. What do you make of it?"

"That Jim Mooney told the truth," "Huh!"

"Well, look at the facts. You tell me the bars shipped by the cayuse express and the missing aggregate \$55,978.50. The gold found in the Hanrahan house aggregates \$58,422.15 without bar 306, which Jim Mooney voluntarily relinquished. There we have an excess of \$2,443.65, plus the bar 306. Where did that excess gold come from?"

Humphries may have had some, but there has been nothing to show that he had. Jim Mooney, you say, never lied to you before and this story he tells now is not the sort of lie a man found in his position would be likely to concoct, even if he were half-witted.

Blanchard looked thoughtfully at the figures a long time. Then he beckoned Allice to him. "Take a telegram," he said briefly. She drew a long unused shorthand book from a drawer and waited.

To Mooney, Nostra Sonora Mine, Sonora, Mex. Are the three cases of bars still at the stamps? If missing, write number gone, their marks and when first missed. When did Jim leave?

BLANCHARD.

"I think I ought to tell you what Hendricks discovered," said Allice hesitatingly. "He says Eleanor Hanrahan confessed that she stole the 'quartz samples.' She says that when Patrick came back from Sonora he told her about the cayuse express. She thought it was a good trick to play on the Mexican and asked him a lot of questions about it until she knew the details. He expressed his surprise that downtown she came to this office to see one of the packages, she was so curious about the package for you, miss. She said it was about the size of a 'quartz sample' and she took it. He gave her the book and she signed the name 'Humphries' as Patrick told her we always did. When the express driver had time to get away she went out without coming in to see me. At home she opened the package and found the bar of gold."

"That night she talked with Patrick about the time shipments ought to arrive and after that she laid in wait for the express driver. It was nearly always the same man. She told him she was his sister and he was both employed in the office. Once or twice she managed to get him in this office, for she had noticed that when he went out for a minute I didn't lock the door as there is nothing here a person could steal very easily."

"When her pile of bars began to grow large she told her brother that Mr. Humphries had given her a lot of gold and she wanted it put in more compact form. She wanted to own a gold brick of good size. She asked him to melt it down in a furnace he had in his workshop. He suspected that Humphries had come by the gold dishonestly and he knew it, but he did not say anything to either Humphries or his sister. He melted down half of her hoard a week ago and the balance night before last."

"Mr. Humphries surprised her carrying the last of the gold to the workshop and insisted on an explanation. She told him that George Montone had sent it to her secretly to be sold and placed in his credit."

"Nothing did not know any thing about him, but Eleanor said she first thought of turning the bars into bricks when she saw a mold in the work room, and Patrick said it belonged to the gold. She was afraid to try to sell the bars she had stolen, knowing they could be traced, but thought it would be easy to sell the bricks."

"That gold did Humphries melt down?"

"Neither Eleanor or Patrick knew, but Patrick said there was a lot of it."

A doctor was at work on Humphries' arm in the inner office. Ford went in and was amazed to see the powerful muscles which he had not contended. Humphries' shirt was off, disclosing the great knotted arm, the thick-ribbed chest and the bunched back of a strong man. Ford realized that it was only a lucky trick that gave broken arm vanished. It was a nasty fracture, however, as such a fracture is like to be Ford lent his strength to the doctor in pulling the bone into place. Humphries bore the pain stoically, but could not entirely mask his feelings. His face was bloodless and his eyes narrow.

"When the arm had been splinted he looked gratefully at Ford and said: 'Thank you.'"

"You heap coals of fire," said Ford.

"No," said Humphries. "If you had not worked that jaw-set trick on me I would probably have killed you and then then would have been an unpleasant lot of trouble. They value life ridiculously here in St. Louis. He spoke in cool earnest, yet Ford laughed.

"Will you smoke?" he asked the old man.

The doctor was packing up his bandages and instruments. "Better give him a drink," he said.

"I'll send for one," said Ford.

"No," said Blanchard for his flask. Humphries suggested.

Blanchard brought the flask himself and proffered it to his enemy, who drank long and deep. Blanchard wiped the mouth of the flask and took a drink and Ford did likewise.

Then Humphries and Blanchard accepted Ford's drink and the three smoked in peaceful silence.

"Arm comfortable?" asked Blanchard solicitously.

"Don't hurt a bit," said Humphries. "Seems sort of foolishness to have it so wrapped up."

"Guess we'll have to put away the runs for a month or six weeks," Blanchard said smiling.

Humphries sat silent and thoughtful a long time. "They value life ridiculously high in St. Louis," he repeated at length. "Now if when I get well we should take shot at each other, the survivor would probably be hung. His remark was half assertion and half question, and was addressed to Ford."

"You're afraid that would be the result," Ford said, "unless he got off with a penitentiary sentence."

"Well, the reason I'll have to go down to Mexico to see you, Blanchard, Humphries said regretfully. "I don't want to risk hang or penitentiary."

"Do you figure it that you're dead sure to survive?" asked Blanchard amiably.

"That's how I figure it," Humphries spoke with firm conviction.

Ford laughed. "Why do you pick out Blanchard?"

"Oh, I ain't doing the picking. I'm doing the accommodating. He's been walled and I've had a hand in it and he's dead sure to want to shoot somebody when he gets a

line on the way the game was framed on him."

Blanchard leaned forward eagerly. "Then, Jim told the truth?"

Humphries laughed shortly. "I've drunk your whiskey and I'll give you a tip. Between us all we've ruined you. Blanchard. While you was framing it up on the Mexican officials the whole bunch combined to rob you, and it's been done neat. The mine has been robbed and loaded with debts right under your trusting nose and I steered the whole thing. I got George Mooney into it. I got Jim Mooney into it. I got your own brother, Bill Blanchard, into it. We've got a quarter of a million in gold ready to die, and that makes our total in six months \$40,000, less the six bricks you took from Patrick's workshop."

"There's another drink in the flask," said Blanchard calmly passing it over.

Humphries measured the liquor by sound and he handed the flask he said: "I shoot very well with my left hand."

"No," said Blanchard, "I can wait till your right is well."

To Be Continued in the Post-Dispatch Saturday.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
FROM TODAY
IN ST. LOUIS

BY O. B. JOYFUL.

(From the Post-Dispatch of Feb. 24, 1900.)

Former United States Senator William J. Stone is in the city calling on old friends. Mr. Stone, who was at one time a well-known factor in Missouri politics, is now proprietor of a gum shoe factory at Nevada, superintendent of the Missouri Health Society of St. Louis and owner of an alum mine at Jefferson City. "I have all I can do to attend to my own business," said Mr. Stone, "without attempting to regulate the affairs of my native land."

In the days of agitation as to breeders' legislation. Was there any legislation? Well, I guess!

Was it likely that the men at this bill would encounter then, at such a time, would away the Senate? Goodness, yes!

Think what some thief did—effacing this bill to prohibit racing. This great commonwealth disgracing!

What a mess!

"Josh" Billings, of the Associated Press has been offered the superintendency of the Old Jokes Home, at Kankakee, Ill., to succeed Lord Dockstader, the veteran minstrel, but it is said that he has not only a strong rival, but a personal opponent in Frank Tate, the assistant superintendent of the institution, who took exception to some remarks made by Mr. Billings in regard to the worn-out condition of a certain joke recently sprung by a superannuated soubrette at the Columbia Theater.

Tom Hennings is indulging in his favorite pastime of organizing another Democratic Club.

Ex-Congressman E. A. Noonan, Jr., has compiled a volume entitled "Spitfired Speeches," taken from the Congressional Record.

Ex-Representative Otis Grace has just published a bulky book called "Tag for Tom; or, Nix for Niedringhaus," which will be placed on sale by the firm of R. C. Kerens & Co.

Let Dat Pie Cruss Go!

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Gimme dat pot or I won't play.

Let dat pie cruss go!

Git wat you's won s'madder way.

Let dat pie cruss go!

No coxus goes, unless it goes for me.

Seven stubbon men, as you kin plainly see.

Hain't good as one, ef he wins fur me.

Dat's de advantage o' bein' down free—

Oh, let dat pie cruss go!

Line up, you jump-de-corkus crew.

Let dat pie cruss go!

A grate heartful's awailin' fur you.

Let dat pie cruss go!

Make it 13, if you can, some day.

Neavh let up, let come wat may.

Foh hell has chillen de wicked pray—

Oh, let dat pie cruss go!

E. M.

TRADING STAMPS WITH WIFE

By Nikola Greeley-Smith, Granddaughter of Horace Greeley.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.



Nikola Greeley-Smith.

Get these to Morristown, N. J., and get married. If you do, you will acquire with a blooming bride or bridegroom, as the case may be, a book of trading stamps good for a chair, a stove, a wash boiler and a sideboard to aid your housekeeping.

This scheme of booming the sadly depreciated stock of Hymen was evolved by the Rev. Oliver C. Horseman, a Roman Catholic priest of Morristown, after an exhaustive study of the matrimonial situation in his parish. And already several marriages have been celebrated as a result.

Still, notwithstanding the immediate consequences, it behooves the thoughtful to wonder if greater impetus would not be given to matrimony by striving to make it difficult, instead of easy. If, instead of smoothing the path of true love, the official celebrants of the knot there's no untangling should trust a few more obstacles in its way matrimonial statistics might boom like prices in a cross roads grocery when a dinnerless crowd of railroad passengers have been dumped into a snowbank and the nearest restaurant is 20 miles away.

Not matrimony made easy but matrimony made difficult should be the watchword of the pastor seeking to bolster up Hymen tottering on his pedestal. We don't hear of the divorce lawyers giving away trading stamps with decrees, do we? And yet the divorce industry flourishes like a green bay tree or a Chinese laundry man in our midst. Because the "bondage bought with a ring" is cheap, and the freedom purchased with a divorce is expensive, the latter is sure to make a strong appeal to all those who measure the value of things by what they cost them.

It is natural for incredulous human nature to suspect that anything acquired with a book of trading stamps, whether it be a blooming bride or a set of teaspoons, is not even triple plate. "If marriage is a fine thing," argues the disciple of Mammon and his name is legion—"why is it so cheap? If it is even a negatively good thing, why give it away?"

Therefore pastors and sociologists, when they consider the shy maiden and the shy bachelor and discourse of the ways and means of luring them into the matrimonial yoke, should not make the path to the altar smooth, but rather devious and difficult. For only thus may they affix the stamp of sterling worth to the disparaged wares of that most disheartened little peddler, Cupid.

Possibly the trading-stamp idea may appeal to the feminine love of a bargain. But the women are willing enough, anyway. And men generally regard bargains, matrimonial or otherwise, with deep suspicion.

thick, hot and tight. Blanket the windows, shut the doors. If these do not do it, give convulsant antipyretics and wait—Medical Record, Feb. 18, 1906.

Marriage Among the Swedes.

The Scandinavian bridegroom presents to his betrothed a prayerbook and many other gifts. She in turn gives him, especially in Sweden, a shirt, and this he invariably wears on his wedding day. Afterward he puts it away, and in no circumstances would he wear it again while alive. But he wears it in his grave, and there are Swedes who earnestly believe not only in the resurrection of the body, but in the veritable resurrection of the betrothed shirts of such husbands as have never broken their marriage vows. The Swedish widower must destroy on the eve of his second marriage the bridal shirt which his first wife gave him.

Just Rips It Out.

"Tell me," said the new reporter, "do you say 'the smart set is' or 'the smart set are'?"

"I don't bother to be grammatical," replied the snake editor, "when I have anything to say about the smart set—Catholic Standard and Times."

Easy to Satisfy.

Mrs. Waters (sternly): Is there a bar attached to this hotel, young man?

Belloy: No'm, but we kin send out an' get any kind o' booze yer want.—Philadelphia Press.



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Piggy: "Perhaps my lot is better Than yours if you please; I don't have any work to do. But lie here at my ease."

Pony: "But I can play and wander Just where I like, and then,

I am not kept a prisoner As you are in a pen."

Piggy: "I never wear a harness. I am not whipped, you know; I never feel a bit that hurts—I quite prefer life as."

—Horace Seymour Keller.

Essays of Little Bobby.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

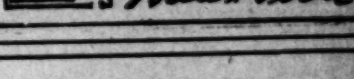
JULIUS CAESAR.

Julius Caesar was a roman who was elected to a nice job I doant remember what the job was but he got quite good pay all rite until he got killed. I of the things Caesar did was to cross the rubicon creek he stood on the bank and tossed up a penny and it came head and he had to cross, he must have looked like Elias crossing the ice only they was no bloodhounds in rome. Caesar wrote some books about people he met in other countries where he went to kill soldiers, but I doant know if he sold many of the books or not.

At last when his time came to die he standing in the senate and Mister Brutus and some other fellows took their tod-stabbers and said to Caesar "you are a stalwart" and we are half-breeds" and they stuck him about 7 times and he said et tu brute and died rite away. Marc Antony made a speech over his body that made all Caesar's relatives take on awful.

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Blow Was Coming Before
It Struck.

CLUB AND SANDBAG USED

Victim Says Two Men Attacked
Him on Street, Knocking Him
Unconscious.

Edward Webster, an electrician living at Kirkwood, Mo., was found unconscious at the mouth of an alley on Sixteenth street, between Pine and Olive streets, late Thursday night.

He was taken to the City Hospital, where he was revived. Webster said he was attacked by two persons, one of whom struck him with a club on the wrist, while the other struck him with a sandbag on the head.

He said his assailants robbed him of \$10, which he had in his pocketbook, but failed to find \$25 he had pinned in his trousers. "I came to St. Louis Thursday and collected some money," he said. "About 8:30 o'clock I left the Public Library, where I had been reading and started to walk to Union Station."

"When I reached the alley on Sixteenth street near Pine I felt that someone was about to strike me. I threw up my arm and was struck on the wrist. Then another person, I am sure there were two, struck me with a sandbag. I awoke in the hospital."

A lacerated wrist and a slight contusion on his head bear witness to the assault. He was found in the alley by L. E. Warner and O. F. Seafried, both of 1331 Pine street, two hours after the time he says the assault occurred.

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DEPEW LAUDS THE PRESIDENT

Director of 54 Railroads Praises
Roosevelt's Move for Railway
Rate Legislation.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Chauncey M. Depew, director of fifty-four railroad corporations, enthusiastically endorsed President Roosevelt's proposed railroad rate legislation and lauded the "radicalism" of the President, as the "conservation which is to check anarchy and socialism in this country," at the annual dinner of a Republican club in the Hotel Savoy last night.

"If forty is the end of life," said he, referring to Dr. Ostar's talk, "and sixty is the time for chloroform, I'm safe, for I've passed the chloroform period."

Big reductions on every pair of boys', girls' and children's shoes in the house. See window at BOEHMER'S, 410 N. Broadway.

ATTORNEY VICTIM OF A PLOT?

George P. Dougherty Tells Police
of Mysterious Shot.

George P. Dougherty, an attorney, residing at 1420 Pendleton avenue, has asked the police to investigate the origin of a shot which went through the second-story window of his residence shortly after midnight Tuesday. Dougherty told the police he believed the shot was deliberately fired at him from the second story of some building in the neighborhood.

Dougherty was asleep when the shot was fired, and was awakened by pieces of plaster falling from the ceiling, where the bullet had imbedded itself. Dougherty sprang from the bed and hastened to the window, but could see no one. He was unable to tell the police anyone he suspected.

Little girls' school shoes in box calf, \$ to \$1.50, \$1.50, now \$1. Every pair of boys' and girls' shoes in the house reduced. See window at BOEHMER'S, 410 N. Broadway.

ADVERTISING MEN'S SMOKER

Chas. H. Jones Was Toastmaster
at Knickerbocker Luncheon.

A Knickerbocker luncheon was served Thursday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Advertising Men's League at the St. Nicholas Hotel. The luncheon was followed by pipes and tobacco.

A number of informal speeches were given, and toasts were responded to. Charles H. Jones acted as toastmaster, and the following responded: Cyrus F. Blanks, Eugene C. Batten, John H. Phillips, A. R. Schellmeyer and H. E. Lee. Mr. Lee appeared in the place of Fred Busche, president of the Missouri Merchants' Association.

Knox shoes for girls, sizes 1 1/2 to 2; French calf, \$3.50, now \$2.50, at Boehmer's.

Plans for Inaugural Special.

Thomas J. Akins of the presidential inauguration committee, is planning to have a special train from St. Louis to Washington for the accommodation of the representatives of the Missouri schools and others who will attend the inauguration. He is now engaged in registering the prospective visitors and if a sufficient number is secured they will travel to Washington on a special train, leaving St. Louis March 1, over the Big Four.

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Spring Shirts

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